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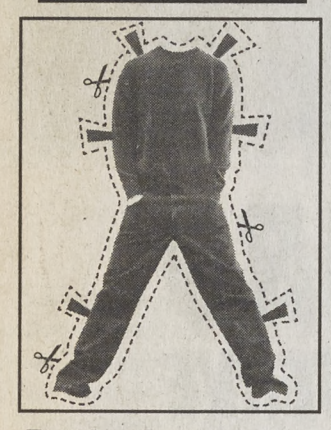
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Name this superhero and win a $50 gift certificate to Friday's. Enter your suggestion online at www.statehornet.com. The deadline is Nov. 29 at noon and the winner will be announced in the Dec. 9 issue. Students only.

Proposition 47



PHOTO BY JASON LEHRBAUM/STATE HORNET

ASI members Eric Guerra and Christine Andrade sign students up during a voter drive prior to the Nov. 5 elections.

Unofficial survey suggests students don't cast vote

JACLYN SCHULTZ
State Hornet

Election slogans across America stating, "If you don't vote, you don't count," were not enough to get most students to the voting booths for last Tuesday's election.

Robert Curva, 22, a senior mechanical engineering student at Sacramento State, did not vote. Though he voted in the 2000 presidential election, he mostly stays away from politics.

"I feel my vote doesn't make a difference," he said.

Curva said he has other things more important than government to care about, like class tests.

"Who's going to be governor is the last thing on my mind," Curva said. "Plus, I don't get paid enough, so I don't have to worry about where my taxes are going."

Distance from his voting precinct also dampened any motivation to vote.

"My voting place is down in Vallejo. I don't feel like driving there from Sacramento," Curva said.

Curva's reasons for not voting are common among students.

In an unofficial State Hornet Poll of 200 Sac State students eligible to vote, 64 percent did not vote this election. Not registering in the area or at all was the main reason listed, followed by time conflicts with work or

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Prop. 47 will bring improvements to CSUS

JACLYN SCHULTZ
State Hornet

Proposition 47, the largest statewide bond in U.S. history, passed easily last Tuesday, securing Sacramento State $20.6 million of $496 million allocated for construction projects in the CSU system.

"It is sorely needed on this campus," said Jonathan Self, Associate Vice President of Finance. "We're glad to see that this proposition passed."

The first project for the campus, an $18.6 million campus utility infrastructure upgrade, is set to begin the 2003 –04 fiscal year.

Facilities Management will replace two 40-year-old boilers, replace and up size sewer lines, and change heating and air conditioning units.

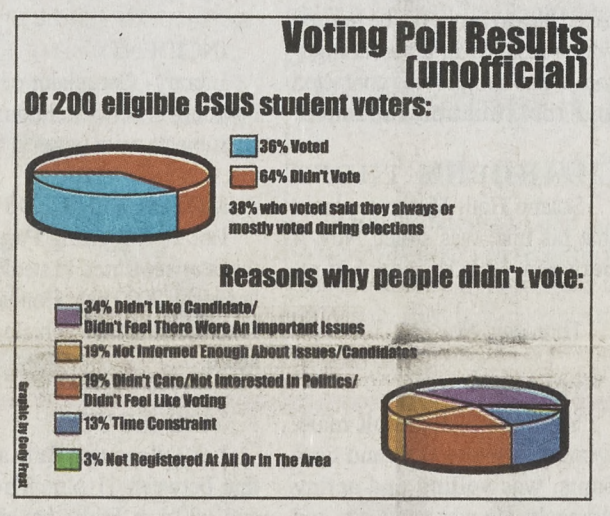
"Once the governor signs the budget, we'll hire the engineering firm to do the design so we can get going on it," said Matt Altier, vice president of Facilities Management.

"It will make sure we will continue to heat and cool buildings in the winter and the summer, and make sure the bathrooms work," Self said.

The sewage, steam and water lines, which have not been replaced since the campus was built, show signs of age, Self said.

A broken steamline caused steam to rise out of

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Dorm security questioned

'Mom and dad are not there to lock up'

NICK DOMICH
State Hornet

Sacramento State dorm residents question dorm security after the recent armed robbery in Jenkins Hall.

With the event fresh in the consciousness of residents, questioning what will happen next in response to the robbery lingers.

"Safety and security in the dorms is just like being back at home, but now mom and dad are not there to lock up behind you," said Director of Housing and Residential Life Cynthia Cockrill.

Cockrill said it is important for dorm residents to be involved in their community by attending housing meetings and looking at fliers that are posted around the Residence Halls.

Residence safety heavily relies upon the use of the access card. The access card is given to each resident for the purpose of entering the main, back, and recreational doors of each Residence Hall. According to campus policy, these doors are to remain locked 24 hours a day and to never be propped open for any reason.

Ja-Shun Tolbert, a Draper Hall resident, confirmed it is common practice for people to trail someone into the dorm who has just accessed the door.

"A lot of people come in and out of the dorms that don't even live here," said Tolbert.

He said that problems occur because security at the entrance to the dorms is often non-existent.

"People were scared at first and everything is getting back to normal, but I still think there should be some security at the doors," Tolbert said.

Cockrill said that locks on the bathroom doors will be installed in addition to system upgrades, but no further measures are under consideration.

Dorm security is a prominent issue throughout college campuses across the country. The University of Southern California boasts both access card entry and locks on restrooms, stairwells, and elevator access. Residents must use a key to initiate power to the elevator. With nearly triple the number of residents, USC Residence Halls must implement formidable deterrence against the potential thief.

Sac State Residence Halls only have access card entry. Once inside, a prospective thief would en-

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Faculty Senate keeps foreign language requirement

JESSICA MICHALAK PHILLIPS
State Hornet

After a three-year evaluation, the Sacramento State Faculty Senate hastily voted Thursday to dismiss recommendations for a policy change regarding the foreign language requirement.

The General Education Review Team appointed by the Faculty Senate to review current requirements recommended that the foreign language requirement be removed as a graduation requirement and instead incorporated into Area C of the General Education Program.

This move would allow students to have the option of taking a foreign language course or another course that offers a significant cultural component, according to the Review Team report.

Director of General Education, Greg Wheeler said that the Faculty Senate voted to not discuss the matter in last Thursday's meeting.

"The process has been a very long one and began three years ago," Wheeler said. "I am personally very disappointed."

Wheeler said that his job is to develop and then implement policies that the university has and to inform faculty of any problem areas.

"Obviously, it doesn't work," Wheeler said.

Tom Griffith, head of the Advising Center, prepared an argument in favor of the change but was unable to speak when the senate shut down discussion.

"I had ten years worth of students' perspective prepared," Griffith said. "I was hoping to participate in a discussion. I was very frustrated."

He said students often do not even know about the requirement until they seek advising before graduation.

Faculty Senator Larry Boles said the Senate's decision disgusted him.

"What happened is we had a bunch of academics arguing and whining," Boles said. "They didn't vote as informed voters, but on their personal biases. I am a strong proponent of people deepening their sense of cultural awareness, but I don't think foreign language does that."

Faculty Senate Chair Bob Buckley said that the review team failed to present a clear plan.

"Their motivation is that the change would be 'easier'," Buckley said. "We don't think it would make it any easier. We had no idea how they would do this."

German Professor Marjorie Gelus said although she is pleased with the outcome, she was disappointed with the way the meeting

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Foreign Language Facts:

- **CSUS enacted the foreign language requirement in 1992.**
- **Only Sac State and CSU Monterey Bay have a foreign language requirement to graduate.**
- **People were not allowed to be heard before the Faculty Senate voted.**

Pug'z music store set to close shop this week

ADAM VARONA
State Hornet

One of Sacramento's most popular places to buy and sell new and used records, Pug'z, is closing its doors this Saturday.

The news comes less than a year after another local shop, Manic Music, went out of business.

"It's corporate downsizing," said Pug'z employee Amber Anderson of the closing. "We're owned by Tower, and our owner, Stan Goman, no longer works there. Now there's a new interim Tower CEO, and she's getting rid of all the people that aren't making much money. So, we're dissolving into the Tower chain."



Sac State students Rochelle Reynosa (right) and Allison Schmidt rummage through the $1 records.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE ANSELMO/ STATE HORNET

This comes as a huge blow to local music buyers, not to mention Sacramento State students.

"Most of my friends and I regularly shopped there," said Sac State student Aaron Poch. "It was like the last great music shop in town. The Beat and Tower Records are too expensive."

The Beat's owner, Robert Fauble, agrees Pug'z closing is a great loss, but said it is not the end.

"They're nice people." said Fauble. "I wouldn't be surprised if Tower pursues another way to sell their used products."

For Pug'z employees like Amber Anderson, who graduates from Sac State this December, there's still an option to stay with the corporation.

"They've offered us all jobs at Tower Records," said Anderson. "It's just a matter of if we're going to take them or not."

The closing of Pug'z leaves just a few used record stores left in Sacramento.

The Beat, Dimple and K Street Records remain, but for independent music both new and used, Pug'z might have been the best in town.

Pug'z is offering 20% off their entire stock until their Saturday farewell. They're also selling all their vinyl for $1 a piece.

CFA angered over lack of space

MICHAEL HOLGUIN
Sttate Hornet

Sacramento State faculty staged a sit-in Friday protesting what they claim is excessive office space set aside for outgoing University President Donald Gerth.

The California Faculty Association called the Executive Joint Union Meeting to show that their shared office space in Brighton Hall is inferior for their needs. The office is 162 square feet.

The office that Gerth will receive in the Library upon retirement is 240 square feet.

CFA Staff Representative Jane Kerlinger said that the office used for all the faculty is too small to be functional.

"Our office space is so small that we have had to constantly search for other locations to meet each other, or to meet with other individuals," said Sac State CFA President, Jim Chopyak.

"If CFA needs space for a meeting, they can request space according to the collective bargaining agreement, but office space is a different issue," said David Wagner, Dean of Faculty and Student Affairs.

The office has one telephone

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ONLINE BUZZ
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- **Sports:** Jimmy Spencer takes a look at why there is a lack of interest in Hornet athletics.
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Police Log

SACRAMENTO STATE'S CAMPUS POLICE

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Sunday, Nov. 3

INCIDENT
El Dorado Hall- Window was broken. Facilities Management was contacted to repair the window.

Monday, Nov. 4

INCIDENT
Lot 8- Unsecured vehicle with property inside. Described as a gray Ford van. It was located and secured.

DISTURBANCE
Calaveras Hall- Three to four solicitors were causing a disturbance.

INCIDENT
Foley Hall- Caller reported that a female was in pain. Medical and police units responded to assist. She declined medical transportation.

INCIDENT
Brighton Hall- Caller reported a man on the ground. He was contacted and determined to be homeless. He was advised and sent on his way.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

DISTURBANCE
Library- Report of a panhandler asking for money. Area was checked, unable to locate.

LOST & FOUND
Other Off-Campus Location- Reporting party found a student's purse in a dumpster off-campus. Report taken, and the property was returned to the owner.

PROPERTY BOOKING
Inner Campus- Money found. Property booked, and report taken.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
Lot 2- Stolen 1993 silver Honda Accord. Report taken and vehicle entered into state's stolen vehicle database.

SERVICE
Adams Building- Subject having problems breathing. Medical and police units responded to assist. Subject transported to hospital via ambulance.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

INCIDENT
Lot 10- Parking officer noticed a black Jeep Cherokee leaking gas. It was a constant drip and there already was a puddle. Fire department was called and tow responded to remove the vehicle.

TRESPASS
Douglas Hall- Professor reported that he is holding a solicitor who was in his classroom. Subject was contacted, identified and notified to leave campus. Report taken.

LOST & FOUND
Riverside Hall- Wallet found. Owner contacted and the property was returned.

INCIDENT
Lot 10- Stalled vehicle blocking the road. Vehicle was moved to the side of the road and the owner called a tow.

DISTURBANCE
Brighton Hall- Caller reported that a student came into her class when she was giving a test. She asked him to leave, but he refused which resulted in a verbal argument. The subject was contacted and the situation mediated.

LARCENY-THEFT
Solano Hall- Victim reported that his bike was stolen Nov. 4 between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 7

TRESPASS
Yosemite Hall- Adult male, wearing a white shirt and dark pants, was yelling and acting strangely. He was contacted and identified then told to leave campus.

INCIDENT
Parking Structure II- Call about a white Honda left running for thirty minutes. No one was around and a message was left for the student to check on his vehicle.

INCIDENT
Lot 4- 1995 black Honda Civic was hit by a tree branch and the side window was broken.

INCIDENT
Eureka Hall- Report of a female being hit by falling tree limb and is bleeding from the head. Medical and Police units responded and the subject was transported to the hospital via ambulance. Report taken.

DISTURBANCE
Lot 4- Male soliciting money was chased out of the University Union. Outside he was then harassing students. Unable to locate.

SERVICE
Student Health Center- Health Center Staff requested ambulance for the transport of an 18-year-old male for medical emergency. Subject transported to hospital.

INCIDENT
Lot 8- Tree branch fell causing damage to a 2002 Hyundai.

SEX OFFENSES
Desmond Hall- Victim report of sexual battery. Report taken and investigation being conducted.

Friday, Nov. 8

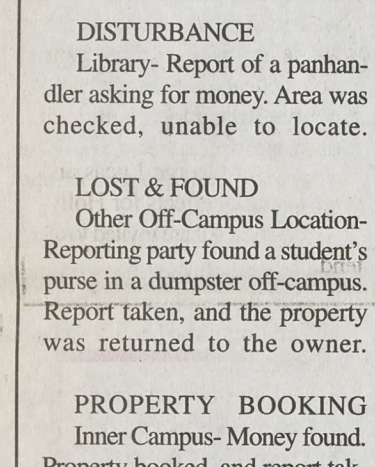
INCIDENT
Library- Complaint of skateboarding in between library I and II. Subjects were gone on arrival.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
Lot 2- Reporting Party said that someone tried to steal his car last night. 2000 blue Honda Civic. Attempted stolen vehicle report taken.

VEHICLE CODE
Lot 2- Reporting Party advised that between 11 p.m. Thursday and 3:30 p.m. Friday her left front tire and rim were damaged on her 2001 Nissan Sentra.

Saturday, Nov. 9

LARCENY-THEFT
Lot 2- Vehicle broken into – not secured. Report taken.



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RE: Request for Funding Packet for 2003-2004 Fiscal Year inclusive of Summer 2003 Semester.

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If your department wishes to be considered for funding, the completed packet with 25 copies must be turned in to the ASI Government Office no later than December 6th at 4:00p.m. Due to the fact that ASI receives requests that far exceed the available funds, full funding may not be possible; however, Associated Students is dedicated to fairly and completely reviewing each request.

The Request for Funding Packet specifies the requirements, timelines and principles used to aid in determining funding. As the Finance and Budget Committee uses this information in preparing the budget, which is recommended to the Board, please ensure that all questions are answered completely and accurately.

ASI will not have a separate call for applications for the Summer 2003 Semester. All applications shall include department needs for summer activities into the annual Request for Funding Packet.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 278-6784 or e-mail at p_ucovich@hotmail.com

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Petersen: University has obvious disrespect for the CFA, unions

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line, one computer, three desks, a copy machine and a bookcase confined in the space.

"We're not saying that President Gerth does not deserve an office when he retires, but look at what's appropriate," said Chopyak.

Gerth got the office in the library a while ago and will go back to it upon retirement said Chopyak.

"It is not inconsistent for a University to set space aside for a retiring president who is staying active," said Wagner.

The CFA points to article 6.23 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between them and the Board of Trustees of the California State University, which states that CFA will be provided appropriate office space on each campus, which shall, upon their request, be shared with other bargaining representatives. Rental charges for the duration of this agreement will be one dollar per year for each office provided."

"This is not a new issue for CFA to present the University," said Wagner.

"CFA on this campus has about 700 members. However, we are legally obligated to represent all faculty (about 1,400 on this campus)," said Chopyak.

The CFA is affiliated with the American Association of University Professors, National Education Association, California Teachers Association, California State Employees Association and Service Employees International Union. CFA represents nearly 3,000 people.

CFA asked for more space three years ago. The university repeatedly turned down those requests citing anticipated faculty hiring and classroom space needs.

In the CFA's most recent request for space, they suggested Alpine 102, a 140 sq. foot room that a former Government professor occupied before retiring at the end of the spring semester.

The request was officially turned down because every space available had been occupied.

"This is an obvious disrespect the university has for the unions and the workers here," said Barbara Petersen, Northern Vice President of Academic Professionals of California.



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CFA members at the sit-in in their Brighton Hall office space.

ASI votes for peace resolution

JUSTIN BOVERT
State Hornet

Associated Students, Inc. board members approved a pro-peace resolution that opposes a first-strike military attack on Iraq.

The resolution faced many revisions and a split board on its way to a 6-5 favoring decision in Wednesday's board meeting.

While the resolution gives its support to U.S. leaders, it points out that diplomatic solutions have not been exhausted. War with Iraq could greatly affect Sacramento State military students, U.S. taxpayers, and homeland anti-American sentiment, according to the ASI resolution said.

Natural Science and Math Director and United States Air Force Reservist Lorraine Armijos opposed the proposal arguing that students who joined the military signed up knowing that war could be a possibility.

"If I am called upon by my country, I have no other choice," said Armijos.

Armijos and other board members felt the proposal did not represent the student's opinions.

Education Director Michelle Pereira thought it was impossible to make a unified statement for an entire student body.

"We are divided, and if we take it to 28,000 students, how divided will they be?" said Pereira. "I oppose."

Postbaccalaureate Director Muhamed Hamada pointed to a recent State Hornet poll that showed 4 out of 5 students were against war.

"It is fair to say that the majority of students don't want war," said Hamada.

Business Director Jennifer Plescia agrees that a pro-peace sentiment needs to be expressed, but says that it is not ASI's role to decide foreign policy.

"I would rather support open forums where students could express opinions and debate," said Plescia.

Executive Vice President Luke Wood said Plescia's idea was shot down at an ASI working board meeting and instead reiterated the role of an ASI elected official.

"We are elected by the students to make decisions on issues," said Wood.

Bathroom locks and system upgrades to come in dorms

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counter no other obstructions except student and Resident Advisor presence.

"My biggest concern is that people tend to lapse about their surroundings," said Cockrill. "That is why we start at orientation with parents and students together, acquainting them with the importance of safety."

Not all of the residents feel safe with the current status of the dorms.

Sutter Hall resident Shanay Brumfield said the incident at Jenkins Hall has made her aware of what is going on around her, but has perpetuated her fear in other scenarios.

"I feel uncomfortable when strangers walk into the dorms," said Brumfield. "I sometimes get concerned when entering the restrooms because you don't know who is in the stalls."

Despite the minimal deterrence inside the dorms, the outdoor landscape does not cater to potential thieves. Thoroughly lit walkways and relatively low brush near dorm windows and entrances can be a deterrent itself. Cockrill also said that residents are encouraged to notify an RA if someone or something suspicious occurs.

"Far too often something happens and no one says anything because they think it's not cool to act on it," said Cockrill.

He needs a name, so the ladies will have something to call him. Give him a name at www.statehornet.com.

Campus Digest

Coach suspended for postgame comments



John Volek
Hornet Football Coach

Hornet head coach John Volek was handed a one game suspension for his actions directed towards the game's officials after the football game against Montana State University on Nov. 2.

Big Sky Commissioner Douglass Fullerton suspended Volek on Nov. 5 for the Hornets' game at the University of Montana on Nov. 9.

According to Fullerton, Volek broke a Big Sky rule, which says, "(coaches) can not publicly criticize officials."

Fullerton said that Volek broke the rule when he stated, "We won the game," and, "they took it away from us."

According to Fullerton, Volek also opened the official's locker room after the game and yelled at the game officials.

The Hornet coach was upset after officials said Bobcat quarterback Travis Lulay got his snap off with one second remaining on the game clock. Volek felt the clock expired and the game should have ended in a Hornet victory.

"We don't think it is a controversy," Fullerton said. "The unfortunate thing is that you would like to see the film.

The film only shows the field, not the clock.

"The back judge said he used proper mechanics, which is watching the clock go to zero, and then looking down (at the snap). The other back judges also felt confident in the call."

With Volek's suspension, assistant coach Bob Shook took over on the sidelines for Volek against Montana.

Volek was allowed to travel with the team to Montana and was able to conduct practices until the Hornets took the field on Saturday.

The Hornet coach was not allowed on the field, or in the coaches' booth, during the game.

- Nicholas Lozito

Health Center offers flu shots

The Health Center offers flu shots to students for $7 and free for those with the augmented health plan during the week from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Michelle Perez

Industrial Light and Magic on campus tonight

Tonight Industrial Light and Magic will make a presentation in Mendocino 1003 from 6 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. ILM is owned by Star Wars creator George Lucas and creates special effects for Hollywood movies. All are invited to attend.

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Students' lives too hectic to vote

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school, or just not caring about politics.

Thirty-four percent of students polled had never voted before.

The registration level of college students is roughly 52 percent, 16 percentage points below that of the total voting age population, according to the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement.

Despite the efforts of MTV's "Rock the Vote" campaign and indoctrination of democracy's ideals in high school and college general education government classes, voter turnout among 18-24 year-olds declined to 32 percent in 2000 from 50 percent in 1971, when 18-21 year-olds first exercised their rights as citizens.

This is why students have very little potential to influence the political arena, said John Victor, a lecturer for Government 1.

"If (students) don't vote, politicians don't pay attention to them," Guerra said.

Some students do not want to pay attention to politicians, either.

"I didn't like either of my choices for governor," said John Turlich, a junior Kinesiology major. "As important as politics is, I try to stay away from it because the candidates seem to forget about the people when they get elected."

Campaign propaganda and mudslinging also make it hard for students to figure out for whom they should vote.

"It'd be really hard to judge a candidate and make sure they are who they say they are and do what they say they're going to do," said Heather Halleday, 21, a senior Human Resources major.

Other responsibilities in students' lives often shadow voting opportunities.

Lisa Tabin, senior sociology major, had a study group for a quiz, the next day, and a paper due.

"I had to do first things first," Tabin said. "I had to go to work and then school right after, and I didn't make it to the polls on time," she said.

The reason more students do not vote is because the whole voting process is so cumbersome, said Eric Guerra, President of Associated Students, Inc.

"Students live such a busy lifestyle," Guerra said.

Guerra looked into setting up voting booths on campus as a solution to students' busy schedules on Election Day.

"Some of the problems with that are parking and accessibility," ASI press secretary, Erin Hicks said.

Hicks also said students should know that the absentee ballot is an option for students out of their precinct, or those who can't vote on election day.

"A lot of people don't know that the option is there, and that it's so easy," Hicks said.

The only way to really get students out there to vote is to give them a reason to want change, said Jon Rotondo, a freshman who ran this past election for a seat on Galt City Council.

"You can't just get people to vote, Rotondo said. "They have to want to participate."

Students could be more motivated to participate in the political arena if politicians addressed issues that directly affect them, he said.

"They (politicians) need to invest more in education, in the youth," Said Curva. "Also, if they give more money to school, that means more places to park."

CSU looks to voter approved funding

Prop. 47: From A1

the roof of Lassen Hall. This week another pipeline broke in the building. A sewer line near the University Union backed up two years ago causing a manhole to bubble up, Self said.

The other $2 million will go toward minor capital outlay projects, such as lab renovations for various departments and improvements in classrooms, spread over two years with $1 million per year. Each minor project has a cost limit of $400,000, Altier said.

"About 35 department projects come in (each year). With $1 million per year, we can only fund the top nine or ten," Altier said.

Each project funded by Proposition 47 is subject to at least one audit upon completion, and mandatory annual audits will monitor the bond funds.

The principal and interest costs of the bonds will be repaid by General Fund revenues over a 30-year period.

Another $15 million for "multiple family student housing" in the CSU and UC systems from Proposition 46 is up for grabs on a first-come, first serve basis.

Lobby Corps of ASI is researching whether the campus is qualified for this type of funding.

Another school construction bond of $12.3 billion will appear on the ballot in March 2004, allocating $690 million to the CSU system if passed.

The CSU system has looked to voter-approved general obligation bonds to fund capital outlay projects since the late 1980's.

News Digest

Results change face of nation's politics

HEIDI TOTH
University Daily

(U-WIRE) LUBBOCK, Texas - The Republicans regained control of the U.S. Senate and retained control of the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday.

Republicans won 21 of the 34 contested Senate seats, giving them 51 and the Democrats 47, according to CNN. One seat is still not decided; the Louisiana race, which boasted nine candidates, will not be decided until Dec. 7.

Brian Gerber, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech, said the election results shifted the balance of power in Washington.

"The Bush administration is in a position to claim a mandate for its public policy agenda," he said. "The president will most likely try to make his 2000 tax cut permanent, as well as pushing the homeland security and energy development bills through Congress, which previously stalled in the Senate."

The results could affect the Iraq and terrorist issues as well, he said. Bush will have an easier time getting his policies enacted because he has more partisan support in Congress, and because he can claim the American people are behind his policies because of the election outcome.

Historically, the president's party loses seats in Congress, especially the House, during a midterm election. Gerber said the last time a Republican president gained seats was in 1902, when Theodore Roosevelt was in office. In 1934 Franklin Roosevelt gained seats, and Bill Clinton gained seats in both the Senate and the House in 1998.

Raitt helps protest of Pacific Gas & Electric

WILLIAM REITZ
Mustang Daily

(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. - For decades Bonnie Raitt has been active in the movement to stop production, transportation and storage of nuclear waste. Now, she brings her support to some San Luis Obispo residents in their effort to contest a proposal by Pacific Gas & Electric to store 140 casks of high-level radioactive waste at the Diablo Canyon facility.

Raitt donated 60 special benefit tickets to her Nov. 18 show at the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center to the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo (ECOSLO) and Mothers for Peace. The donation was made to help fund their campaign against PG&E.

"Funds from this concert are going to ensure continuance of this campaign, helping to provide expert witness testimonials and other legal expenses," said Sandra Sarrouf, ECOSLO environmental health projects coordinator. "We are trying to protect (San Luis Obispo) residents, many of whom live within miles of Diablo Canyon or along the proposed transportation route."

In December 2001, PG&E asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's permission to develop a dry storage facility at the Diablo Canyon power plant. Currently, the plant uses two specially designed pools, which are expected to fill by 2006.

If the NRC approves the dry storage, PG&E plans to have the facility constructed and operational by 2005. According to PG&E's Web site, the licensing process will take about two years, which will afford ample opportunity for public input along the way.

The Diablo Canyon legal interveners have requested that the NRC hold full hearings to address three issues.

Southern Illinois U. prof. cancels class to protest Iraq war

BEN BOTKIN
Daily Egyptian

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. - Southern Illinois University students arriving for their recreation class in Pulliam Hall Thursday changed their plans after seeing two things on the classroom door: a cancellation notice and pictures of grossly deformed children believed to be the victims of U.S. military action in Iraq.

Jim Glover, an associate professor of recreation, decided shortly before class Thursday that he would cancel class in protest of past and possibly future U.S. military involvement in Iraq. He said this was the first time he canceled class to protest an issue.

Glover posted photos of children affected because of uranium weapons used during the 1991 Gulf War. A child with a hole in his back was one subject, along with another baby with short, deformed arms. Another photo showed an infant with no face and only an eyeball in the middle of the forehead.

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Senate decision fair

Maintaining language requirement ultimately beneficial

The State Hornet supports the Sacramento State Faculty Senate's decision to keep the current foreign language requirement. This shows a commitment to quality education.

Educational standard have been under attack recently. Moves to revise the SAT and other standardized tests are a double-edged sword. Changes to make the tests more accurate for diverse groups are necessary in California's changing makeup, but can also be a doorway for softening for the level we expect our students to perform at. It does not benefit anyone to lose sight of the fact that schools are in the business of educating well.

However, if the faculty is basing their decision upon quality education, then that same standard must be applied to the current classes that we require. If we are to preach high quality then let's practice it. Professors must make sure that students are actually proficient in the level prescribed before passing the student.

FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE

Integration of a foreign language into a curriculum has many benefits for the students.

Vermont Royster has said, "What is involved is a process in which the study of a different language gives a person an understanding of the nature of language itself, a sense of structure that is difficult to acquire from studying one's own familiar language." Learning by comparison allows students to see the inadequacies of one's mother tongue and also understand the strength.

Learning another language enhances communication skills; which are increasingly seen as more important than any other single factor in the job place. Testing skills have been seen to improve from the acquisition of another language. Admission Testing Program of the College Board shows a definite positive correlation between Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores and the study of foreign languages. Additionally, those who learn a second language seem to be simply smarter than their monolingual counterparts. According to a paper by Jarold Weatherford, a number of studies in bilingual education lead to the conclusion that foreign language study can aid and even accelerate the cognitive development of the brain. Bilingual subjects in various tests have outperformed similar monolingual subjects on verbal and nonverbal tests of intelligence.

Finally, with the inclusion of cultural studies as part of the requirement, students are urged out of an ethnocentric view. By examining problems from a different cultural perspective, they are not only becoming more interculturally competent, but also gaining the ability to think creatively.

A pencil test tells us nothing

More and more, we have a society that bases one's value on material acquisitions and external achievements. It is easy to see this when we try to remember the last time someone complimented you on your honor, honesty or decency. Why don't we laud **Ben Affleck** for his integrity?

The "**dproject**" is a collective/collaborative visual arts project about ideas of self worth. "dproject" asks us to examine the methods we use to judge ourselves. Comprised of more than 70 artists, the project brings together participants from Sacramento State, UC Davis, San Francisco State, UC Santa Cruz and California College of Arts and Crafts.

One piece looks at our silly standards particularly well. I'll call it "The Pencil Test." This sculpture is a voluptuous ceramic breast with a pencil trapped underneath. On the smooth, glassy surface, these words circle out from the nipple: "Boob, hooter, tit, jug, melon- After I was twelve I could never pass the pencil test-Could you?"

This is in reference to the imbecilic "test" of a woman's value- the perkiness of her breasts. If one has limp breasts that can hold a pencil underneath, than they are undesirable. Or perhaps they're just naturally large without the effects of silicone.

Apparently, the pencil test, as a social phenomena is an indicator of how beautiful a lady is. By graphically showing the stupidity of this test, the artist makes us question the larger standards by which we judge ourselves.

All the artists were given a 5" by 5" block of wood to work with, creating radically different pieces.

Some were graphic; such as a bread "hand" reaching outward, a glass penis dangling from its block, or langourous nude reclining.

Others were interpretive; such as a foil-wrapped block dotted with crushed mirror pieces, or a small mirror with the words "eye make you."All of the blocks are neatly arranged on a wall at the University of California, Davis.

Recent UC Davis graduate and dproject organizer, **Sarah Cline**, was very happy with the project.

"I am so pleased, it was like Christmas when I went to pick up the squares," Cline said. "Definitely the interesting thing is that artists are participating in public spaces."

When asked what prompted the show, Cline expressed her desire for collaboration. "I thought it would be interesting to get artists to come together and express (their ideas) about self-worth. I asked students, staff and faculty to participate, but there were more students."

Cline corresponded with the artists through email. After creating the Hotmail account, she began to receive junk mail in reference to self-worth. "They were awful, like 'Lose 100 pounds' or 'Increase you penis size,'" Cline described. "I thought about printing out a booklet of just the subject lines of the emails as part of the project."

Sac State artist **Alicia Griffin** felt strongly about the theme of self-worth. "It can be complicated, understanding how your own self-worth has been affected by society.



Samantha Hinrichs

Forum Editor

It's important to show other representations," she asserted during the show's opening.

Her childhood, as all of ours do, affected her ideas of self-worth. "I felt that racist ideologies affected my own concept of beauty and self-confidence. I've seen (racist ideologies) changing in my lifetime," Griffin stated, "but they are still worth examining."

John R. Fishbein PhD., author of the book "Emotional First Aid," sees one's self-worth as inherent. However, he feels that most people erroneously base their worth on what others think of them.

"Self-worth is commonly thought of as something a person can get or lose. It is often measured by external things such as wealth, popularity, accomplishments or others' opinions," Fishbein writes.

These artists challenge those common perceptions. Their work proves you can judge your merit on more than superficial means.

Check out the show, and find you own versions of your worth. It's shows until the 18th.

For directions, go to www.nerd-music.com/~sarah/dproject.

Samantha Hinrichs jogs in the rain. Tell her your favorite art at ***forum@statehornet.com***

Chase(d) out?

Jason Okamoto interviews Crystal Chase on her recent resignation

Last week **Crystal Chase** resigned from her position as Associated Students, Inc.'s Vice President of University Affairs. It has been speculated that her early exit was the result of a dishonest process set into motion by ASI executives.

I spoke with Chase at a table hidden in a dark wet corner of the Hive. She was composed and ready to spill the beans, or at least that's what I thought. I wanted her to speak for herself in the space that I am granted every week.

Before I started asking questions, she had made it clear that she didn't want to say anything spiteful or offensive about the elusive organization we all know as ASI. I crossed out about half the questions I was going to ask. I quickly felt the gravity of the situation in which I was involving myself. This was serious.

JASON OKAMOTO: Now that you no longer work for ASI, do you get to keep your faculty-parking pass?

CRYSTAL CHASE: I actually never got one, by choice.

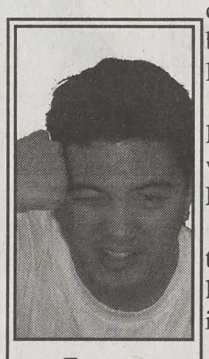
JO: When I read the legislation regarding your removal, I couldn't help but laugh. It just seems to be silly and ridiculous.

CC: If it weren't my name on the legislation, then I would feel the same way.

JO: According to an article written in last week's State Hornet, **Eric Guerra** said that your character is one that should be questioned. What kind of character are you, and what do you have to say about Eric Guerra's character?

CC: I am a very hard worker-if you want to, call my boss- and I am totally dedicated to my family. I feel that a part of good character is prioritizing, and that is family.

As for Eric Guerra, if he wants to have a character debate, fine, but I'm way out of his league on that.



Jason Okamoto

State Hornet

JO: Which world leader, past or present, would you compare Eric Guerra to?

CC: I don't believe there is any world leader worth comparing him too.

JO: Is Eric Guerra a dictator?

CC: I think his actions answer that question.

JO: When you were in ASI, what was your outlook regarding your own position?

CC: I made it very clear that my goal this year was to redefine my position. There is basically one paragraph in the bylaws that ambiguously describes the job.

It was my goal this year not to worry about doing anything huge, but to make my position effective.

JO: What was your reason for missing

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Readers' Forum

It's an emotional game

(Barret Lyon of *The State Hornet)* have no idea what it is like to put on the pads everyday and play football. You sit behind your camera and take pictures of various sporting events around campus. You have no right to judge the way that we acted after last week's loss to Montana State.

You said that our coaches were walking around like drunken people, and that you have never heard so much profanity out of grown men, and that you feared for your own safety after the game, well let me tell you this: You have no idea what it is like to sweat six days a week to play one game; you have no idea of all the hours that we put in the offseason, and you don't know how hard it is to come across a victory in the Big Sky Conference – the best Div. I-AA conference in America.

When we lost that game, it pissed us off to know that we played our hearts out for 60 minutes and that the game was decided by the officials. Of course we are going to be upset about that. We are having a rough season, and every victory is huge for us right now. With that win we would have had a chance to make the playoffs, but now we can't.

Ryan Leadingham
CSUS Student/Athlete

Football is an emotional game and players use foul language during and after competition.

Barrett you first need to get both sides of the story, there was just as much taunting by MSU players to Sac State players. But let's not mention the MSU players banging on our locker room walls following the game.

We have apologized for our actions like men do. It is obvious to me that you have never played a competitive sport in your life pass little league.

I think you should stick to photo editing.

Brad Osterhout
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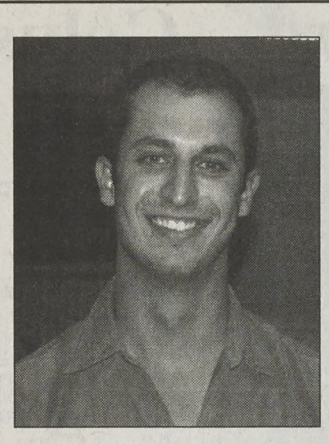
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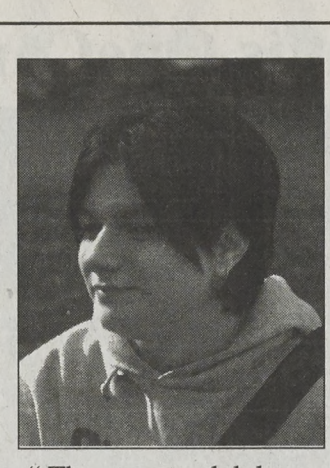
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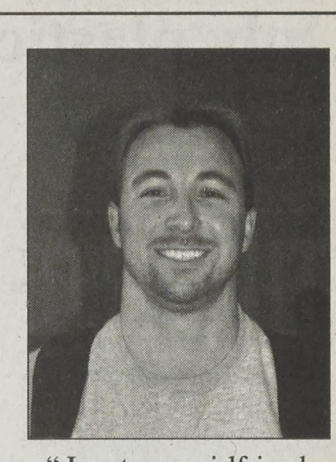
"Night Park at Boreal. Why? One word, super-pipe."

Rich Crosby
Geography
Senior



"I don't go to just one bar, I'm well rounded person."

Katie Drury
Pre-nursing
Sophomore



" I go to my girlfriends house in the Bay Area to get out of town."

Glenn Armstrong
Civil Engineering
Senior

A woman's worth

Women around the world still do not receive equal rights

Sometimes it's hard to be a woman. The famous words of country singer **Tammy Wynette** ring all too true in the world in which we live. Although Wynette's advice is to stand by your man, I have to question how that really eases the pain of womanhood for women around the world.

Just last week, I received an email requesting my signature on a petition to save the life of **Amina Lawal**, a Northern Nigerian woman who has been sentenced to death for adultery. Lawal's heart-wrenching story led me and many others to sign the petition, rallying against a sentence that seems inhumane and outrageous. The more I have learned about her story the more shocking it seems.

The 30-year-old woman, who has been married and divorced twice, was convicted of adultery after she became pregnant when she was not married. Pregnancy without being married is a crime that is punishable by death-death by stoning to be exact. The procedure calls for her to be buried up to her neck in a pit and then for stones to be thrown at her head until she dies. Of course, only men can throw the stones at her head. Lucky them. Ironically, if she was never married and became pregnant she could be convicted for fornication, for which the sentence is only 100 lashes. Did I say only? Well, better than death.



Shonda Swilley
State Hornet

What is even more perplexing about this situation is that the man who impregnated Lawal is not going to be killed. According to law, if a man is to be convicted of adultery, he must either confess or 4 other men must testify that they witnessed the adultery. Like that would ever happen! In other words, the man is free, while the obviously pregnant woman who cannot deny what happened, is stuck to suffer the repercussions.

It's fair to note that although this is an interpretation of Islamic law, there are Muslims who do not believe this to be a true representation of the Koran. Even the Nigerian federal government backs basic human rights, according to their 1999 constitution, and does not necessarily support this ruling.

Human rights are basic to everyone, no matter the culture

However, according to Amnesty International's website, Nigeria's federal government does support individual states and their laws, including Katsina, the state in which Lawal has been convicted. So although the federal government does not support these actions, they are turning their heads and allowing the state to impose its inhumane laws.

The notion has been posed that people who do not live in that particular part of the world, or who do not believe in Islamic law, are not in a position to judge the way they do things. It's ethnocentrism when you act, think or believe that your own culture is the RIGHT one and others are WRONG. I question though, whether this incident, and similar ones fall under the ethnocentric umbrella. If someone is being treated unfairly anywhere in the world, it is the responsibility of every other human being to speak out against it. It is not enough to say that it is a different culture or religion and turn our heads. Human rights are basic to everyone, no matter the culture and especially the sex. This acceptance of the mistreatment of women under the disguise of religion is bogus and should be obliterated.

Lawal, by the way has had her baby. She had a daughter.

You can discuss equality with Shonda Swilley, email her at ***forum@statehornet.com***

Okamoto hears out ex-ASI member

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the ASI retreat?

CC: My mother's car died, so she was using my car. I didn't have a car… I called people, because I was planning on being a day late, and everybody was already up there.

Actually a lot of people left early, it was supposed to be a three-day retreat, but half of the people left after one day.

JO: Why did you choose to resign, rather than going through the removal process?

CC: Legislation like that would have only divided the board, and it was clear that the rest of the year would have been more disastrous. It is not fair to the board, it's not fair to me and I don't think it was fair of Eric to even begin a process like that.

JO: What is your favorite movie?

CC: I really don't have one favorite. I like a lot of movies, like "The American President," Legally Blonde," and "Steel Magnolias," which is a total chick flick and pretty old.

JO: What are your hobbies?

CC: More recently I have been working out to relieve stress, and enjoying a book during my workout, because it's hard to make time to read unless I'm working out, and I would never make it through my workout if I wasn't enjoying myself.

I'm finding a little bit more free time, but it has only been like a day…we'll see.

Jason Okamoto lives in Elk Grove. Respond to him at ***forum@statehornet.com****, or post a message on* ***Forum's new message board.***

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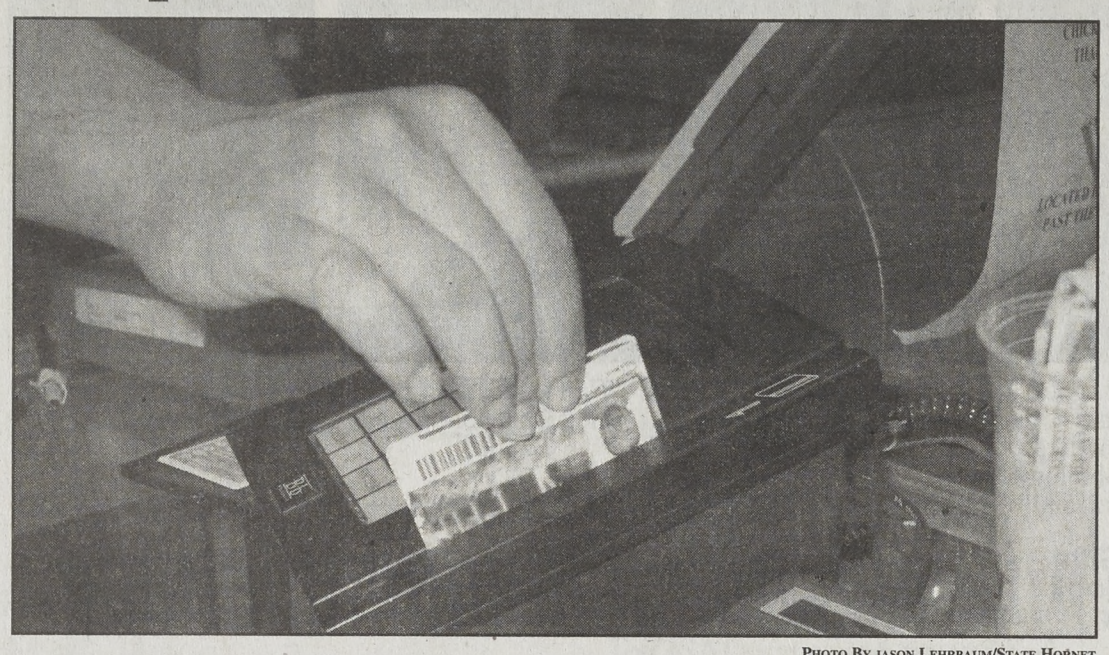


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Customers use OneCards to make purchases for food in the Riverfront Center.

Students are inconvenienced by the eateries in the Riverfront Center for not accepting ATM debit cards while they are accepted by restaurants in the University Union.

"The acceptance of credit cards are individual business decisions and we don't get involved in those vendor's decisions," Director of University Support Services, Ronald Grant said.

Riverfront is operated by the foundation, which has made no attempts to employ the use of ATM or credit cards. There are issues of concern if Riverfront were to accept credit card transactions, Grant said.

The cost of initializing such change, which includes new machinery, training and phone lines, is taken into consideration by the Foundation, Pennebaker said.

"Riverfront just tends to be slower in putting things like this together," Pennebaker said.

It was only five years ago that even the OneCard was accepted as a valid form of tender in the Riverfront.

Adding credit as another accepted tender is not something they are against, Pennebaker said.

"Within the near future, we may see it happening," Pennebaker said. "If enough people would ask, food service staff would respond."

La Crêperie has expressed an interest in wanting a phone line put in to enable ATM access for their restaurant, Pennebaker said.

Students who do not have credit on their OneCard or cash have to use an ATM or go to the University Union do dine.

"I never carry cash and sometimes the outside ATM line is really long and I don't have enough time between classes to wait," Junior Kristine McNamee said.

Out of total sales between Round Table Pizza, Kung Fu Fats, Burger King, Gordito Burrito and Riverfront eateries, less than 4 percent actually use OneCards to pay for their food.

Nearly five times as many people opt for using ATM or credit cards.

In order for the foundation to consider such a change, students are urged to make sure food service staff are aware of their interest; write to the suggestion box, and even call or write executive director, Elroy Littlefield, Pennebaker said.

There once was a hero who had no name. He was sad because whenever someone wanted to talk to him, they had to say, "Hey, you." But one day, our hero read in the **State Hornet** that they were searching for a name to give to him. He became quite hopeful. So much, in fact, that he logged on to **www.statehornet.net** and read the suggestions people had submitted. Soon, our hero thought, I shall be named.

Gelus: Meeting was form over substance

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was handled.

Gelus said it was unfair the meeting was framed to supply form before substance.

"No one ever got to talk about it," Gelus said. "They voted and it was over without any discussion at all."

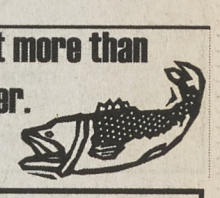
Sac State Senior Eric Young strongly supports the foreign language requirement.

"It is essential especially in California where we are extremely diverse," Young said. "However, the Senate acted hastily. It doesn't make sense that they would vote before hearing a case."

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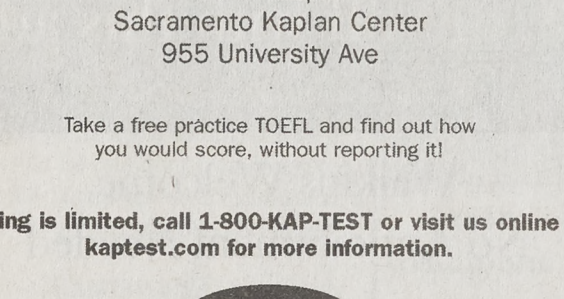
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TEAM OF THE WEEK

The women's volleyball team went 3-0 this past week. The team can move into first place with a win over Eastern Washington.

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STAT OF THE WEEK

Lisa Wightsman finished tied for fourth in the Big Sky in goals scored. However, she did not make the Big Sky's all-conference team.

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Javone Tavares
Sports Columnist

Heartbreaking losses cloud an inspiring season

At first glance, the Sacramento State football team's 3-7 record may seem like a lost cause. But upon a closer inspection of the season thus far, it's apparent that the Hornets have made significant strides from last year to this year.

Sac State has had a realistic chance at winning nine of their 10 games this season, whereas last year they only realistically had a chance at winning four of their 12 games, two of which they won. The Hornets have had several game-altering plays that have kept them from being among the Big Sky's elite.

Against Montana State, a 15-yard face-masking penalty as time expired gave Bobcat kicker Nate Cook the additional yardage he needed to drill his game-winning 36-yard field goal. In the Causway Classic and against Idaho State the Hornets were plagued by second-half turnovers, which effectively cost Sac State those two games.

However, in the sports world, would've, could've, and should've are three contractions that are in every team's vocabulary. The teams that have the least amount of those words are the teams that evolve into championship-caliber winners.

The question that has everybody on campus buzzing is whether or not first year Hornet Athletic Director Terry Wanless sees the same type of improvement? To be more specific, does he feel that John Volek has done enough to warrant him being Sac State's head coach of the future?

Adding to the complexity of this already complex situation, how will Volek's actions last week against Montana State affect his standing with his new boss?

The only person who was able to lose his temper on a regular basis and keep his job was former Indiana men's basketball coach Bob Knight. The difference between Knight and Volek is three national championships.

Keep in mind that even the "General" (Knight) was dismissed from Indiana.

Now, in no way shape, form, or fashion am I saying that Volek loses his temper on a regular basis,

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Sac State loses in dog fight to Gizzlies

Football holds on to lead until final minutes

NICHOLAS LOZITO
State Hornet

Sacramento State put a scare into top-ranked University of Montana on Saturday, but let a fourth quarter lead slip away, falling 31-24 to the Grizzlies.

Montana (10-0 overall, 5-0 in Big Sky Conference) extended their winning streak to 24-straight games, tying the University of Pennsylvania for the most consecutive wins at the Div. I-AA level. The Hornets (3-7, 2-4 in BSC) failed to record a third-straight road victory.

The Hornets played the game without head coach John Volek, who was suspended for comments and actions made toward officials following the Hornets' loss to Montana State last week. Assistant coach Bob Shook took over for Volek against Montana.

"We are really happy with the effort level, and the fact that we never quit," Shook said of Saturday's game.

The defending national champion Grizzlies scored on a 13-yard strike from John Edwards to Tate Hancock late in the fourth quarter to take back a 28-24 lead. Chris Snyder connected on a field goal for the game's final score.

Montana opened the game's scoring as Brent Myers returned a blocked punt 10 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. Montana quarterback John Edwards then connected with Jon Talmage on a two-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-0.

Just when it looked as if the Grizzlies were going to run away with a blow out, the Hornets came roaring back. Garrett White scored on a one-yard run to make the score 14-7 at the half.

"It's two weeks in a row that we've faced the number one defense in the Big Sky," offensive coordinator Bruce Pielstick said. "We did a decent job in the first half, but in the second half our tight ends and offensive line started to take over."

Kendall Riley scored on a one-yard run of his own to tie the score in the third quarter. A botched snap on a Montana 47-yard field goal attempt set up Riley's second touchdown run of the quarter; a 37-yard

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Montana 31, Sac State 24



Kendall Riley
Sophomore Fullback
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Postseason spoilers?

San Jose St. knocks off Hornets

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The men's soccer team's conference finale was supposed to have serious season-ending ramifications. But after the University of Nevada, Las Vegas surprisingly beat the previously undefeated University of New Mexico, 2-0, the Hornets were no longer playing for the No. 3 seed in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation postseason tournament.

Sac State's season finale resulted with a 2-1 overtime loss to San Jose State University (12-7 overall, 5-1 MPSF) on Sunday.

With UNLV's win, Sac State had to settle for the No. 4 seed in the upcoming tournament, while the Spartans will be seeded at No.2 and receive a first round bye. With San Jose's defeat of Sac State and the Lobos loss, the two teams will share the regular season conference championship.

Hornet Soccer Field was still recuperating from the weekend's storm as the Hornets and Spartans finished regulation in a 1-1 tie. San Jose first snuck one past Sac State goalkeeper Matt McDougall in the 30th minute. Johnny Gonzales was able to give the Spartans the 1-0 lead with an assist from Fausto Villegas.

"At halftime we talked about how

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Utodi Madu (15) controls the ball with a San Jose State forward breathing down his kneck. The Hornets lost 2-1 in overtime to the Spartans.

PHOTO BY WHITNEY WALLACE/ STATE HORNET

Sac State ready for MPSF Tournament

ANDRIA WENZEL
State Hornet

After last year's dismantle at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship men's soccer tournament, Sacramento State now hopes to play the role of spoiler this time around.

Last year the Hornets left the tournament with the bitter taste of defeat, after being upset in the first round by the No. 8 seed and eventual champion, the University of New Mexico.

The Hornets went into the 2001 MPSF tournament as the regular season champions and with the No. 1 seed, but the Lobos scored the upset with a 3-2 overtime win.

The revamped tournament now gives the top-two finishers of the regular season a first round bye. Sac State, who finished fourth in the conference, will face up with No. 5 ranked University of Denver, on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the University of New Mexico Soccer Complex.

Denver is on a two-game winning-streak, with a 2-1 overtime win over No. 6 seed Air Force most recently. When Sac State traveled to Denver earlier

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The *Buzz*

MEN'S TENNIS

Former Hornet tennis star Sherif Zaher has been named head men's tennis coach this week.

Zaher earned Big Sky MVP honors his junior and senior seasons at Sac State. He also led the Hornets to a Big Sky Championship his senior season.

"Sherif was an outstanding tennis player," Hornet Athletic Director Terry Wanless said. "We think those are transferable skills and therfore he will be an outstanding tennis coach.

"He will have to learn recruiting and the management of the entire (men's) tennis program."

The men's tennis team starts its season in early February.

BASKETBALL

MENS

The Hornets will kick off their 2002 preseason schedule tonight with a game versus EA Sports. Game time is set for 7:05.

The Hornets only other preseason game will be played on Sunday at 1:05 pm against Tribe Called Sweat.

The Hornets defeated EA Sports 81-73 last season, while knocking off TCS 128-84.

The Hornets will open their regular season with a game at Loyola Marymount on Nov. 25. The Hornets open up their home schedule on Nov. 27 against the University of Dominican.

WOMENS

The Hornets will host the Bay Area All-Stars on Nov. 19 at Hornet Gym in their only preseason contest.

The Hornets will open their regular season schedule in The Hawaii Tournament, where they will face UCLA on Nov. 24 and the University of Hawaii on Nov. 25.

The Hornets' first home game in on Dec. 2 against California Polytechnic.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Stacey Rowell and Michelle Balzouman were both named to the Big Sky Conference Honorable Mention team last week.

For Rowell, it was her third time earning honorable mention honors.

Seniors lead volleyball to perfect mark in final homestand

Volleyball heads into showdown with Eagles

VINCE ADVERSALO
State Hornet

The Sacramento State women's volleyball team pushed its winning streak to four matches, and closed out its regular season home schedule by going 3-0 last week at Hornet Gym.

The Hornets defeated Saint Mary's College, 3-0, on Tuesday, the University of Montana, 3-0, on Thursday and Montana State, 3-1, on Saturday.

With two matches left in the season, Sac State is still one game behind Eastern Washington University in the Big Sky Conference standings. The Hornets will take on the Eagles this Friday in Cheney, Wash. in a match that could decide who wins the conference and claims the right to host the conference tournament, set to take place Nov. 21-23.

Saturday's match marked Sac State's final regular season home game. Prior to the 3-1 Hornet win, senior outside hitters Loretta Coffman, Trina Book and Jayme Wright were honored for their contributions to the team.

Wright finished with a double-double (14 kills and 16 digs). Junior Kazmiera Imrie and sophomore Sandra Bandimere each had 15 kills. Emily Wilson chipped in 11 kills and also had a career high 11 blocks. Sophomore defensive specialist Mallory Hook had a match-high 23 digs.

Despite the great statistics, things were not all positive for the Hornets.

"It was a strange match," Hornet coach Debby Colberg said. "It was a real slow tempo and there was no ball control on either side. We played just well enough to win."

Wright agreed.

"We did some things well and some things not so well," she said. "We had some mental lapses in the fourth game but we're good at keeping our cool and we did what we needed to do."

Wright said she did not think Senior

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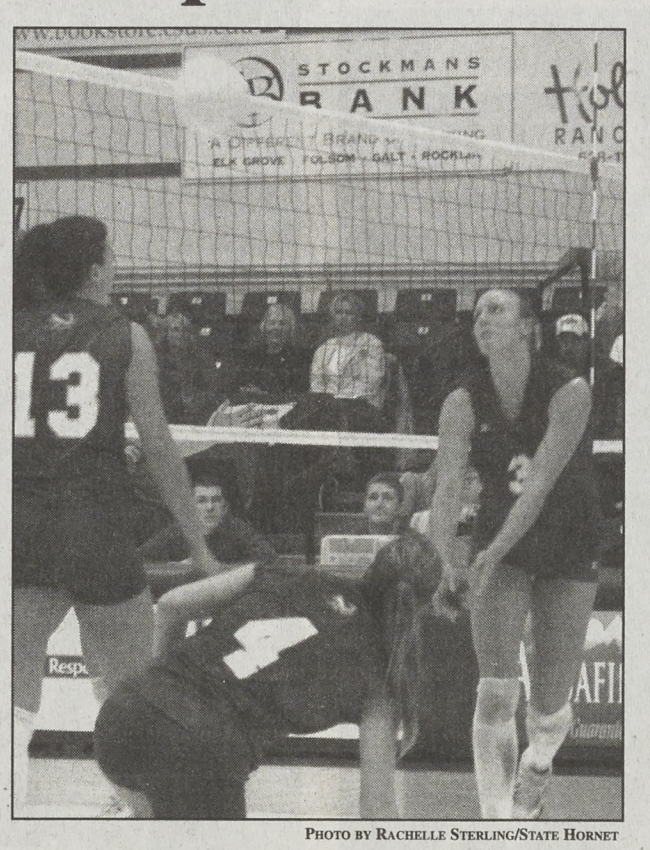


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Jayme Wright (4) Emily Wilson (13) and Kazmiera (3) converge on the ball in the Hornets match with Montana State.

Wright looks to play overseas after graduation

KANNON YAMADA
State Hornet

After this season, Sacramento State's volleyball team is losing Jayme Wright, one of their most talented players. For Wright, however, leaving Sacramento could mean the beginning of a professional career in volleyball.

"After graduation I want to play for a professional team overseas," Wright said. "Spain is gorgeous I hear."

For Wright, who hails from Pleasanton, a small Bay Area city, traveling to Europe would be an enormous transition.

"Sacramento is really diverse," Wright said. "That's one thing that I've really enjoyed about (this city), because I haven't been exposed to diversity until I got here, and I love it. I want to travel a lot now. I want to see other cultures and experience other places just because it's opened my eyes being here."

Her hometown isn't all that interesting. Described by Wright as safe, sheltered, low-key and populated with upper class white people, it wasn't much of a shock when, while in high school, she played club volleyball in nearby Berkeley to get away. After graduation from high school she transferred to Sac State, although it wasn't her first choice.

"It wasn't my first pick," Wright said. "It's hard to explain. I didn't have a school I really wanted to go to, but I had criteria. I wanted to go to a school that had a good program that was close to home, but far away enough so I could be on my own. I wanted a scholarship and Sac was it."

Despite numerous offers from several East Coast colleges, Wright decided to stay in California, primarily because of the proximity to her fami-

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Volleyball Preview

Sac State vs. Eastern Washington

Fri., 7 pm
In Cheney, Wash.

Eastern Washington
Record: 26-1 (11-1 Big Sky)
Coach: Wade Benson

Players to Watch
OH, Janelle Rouen
MB, Lindsay Page

It's not a stretch to say that the season comes down to Friday's match between Sacramento State and Eastern Washington.

It's simple: Win, and the Big Sky Conference championship belongs to the Eagles, as does the right to host the conference tournament later this month. Lose, and those prizes are all but lost.

Back on Oct. 19, Sac State swept the Eagles 3-0 and dealt them their only loss of the season. Outside hitter Janelle Rouen had 14 kills, but none of her teammates reached double figures. Six-foot-two middle blocker Lindsay Page had eight kills but finished with a -.091 hitting percentage.

But there's a reason the Eagles have lost only once all season. Rouen is leading the team in kills (3.83) and digs (3.67) this season. Page is averaging 3.12 kills per game and is tied for the team lead in blocks with 1.14 per game.

Throw in the precision hitting of middle blocker Monica Lynch (.351) and outside hitter Keva Sonderen (.330), and setter Jessie Wright's 7.90 assists per game and it's easy to see why this team has been dominant all year.

After the Oct. 19 match, Eagle head coach Wade Benson said his team would be, "10 times better" because of the loss to Sac State. If Benson is correct, an already tough Eagle team could be downright scary on Friday.

Sacramento State
Record: 21-9 (10-2 BSC)
Coach: Debby Colberg

Players to Watch
OH, Jayme Wright
OH, Sandra Bandimere

If Sacramento State plays the same game they did back in Sacramento, when the defeated the Eagles in straight sets, the Big Sky Conference championship will be theirs.

The Hornets need to defeat the Eagles on Friday and Portland State on Saturday to take the conference regular season crown. Last season, in Washington, the Hornets defeated Eastern Washington in straight sets.

Sac State will be led by senior Jayme Wright who leads the team in kills (3.38) and digs (3.41). Junior Kazmiera Imrie leads the Hornets in blocks (1.16), with sophomore Emily Wilson following closely behind with 1.15.

On Oct. 19, Sac State dominated Eastern in almost every aspect of the game. Sophomore Sandra Bandimere recorded 16 kills and Jayme Wright had 15. Kazmiera Imrie had 14 digs, while Wright had 13 and Lisa Beauchene had 10.

If the Hornets dominate in the attack again, and defensively stop Eagle scoring attempts, they will hand the No. 15 ranked Eagles their second overall loss of the season.

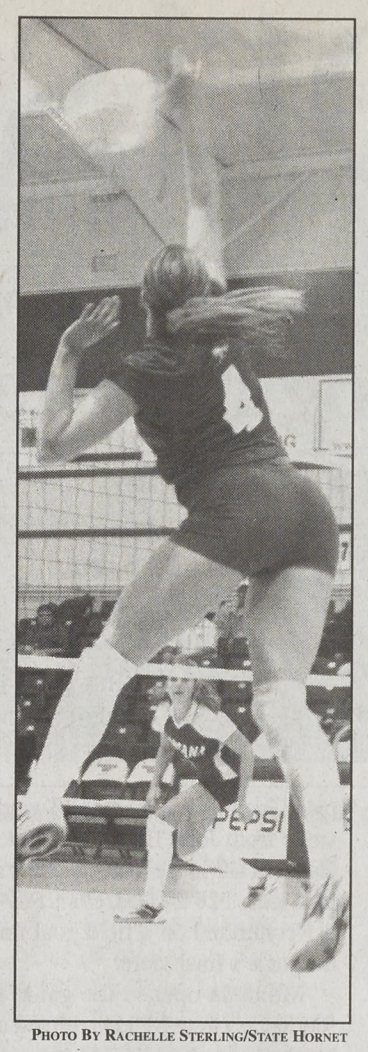


PHOTO BY RACHELLE STERLING/STATE HORNET
Hornet senior Jayme Wright

Wright has proven to be an all-around player

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ly, who travel from Pleasanton to every home game.

"I wanted to be close to my mom and my grandma so I could visit them and they could watch me play. That was really important to me," Wright said. "Sacramento worked out great. They had everything I wanted: good program, close to home, and I got a scholarship. What else could I ask for? I was really lucky."

The scholarship helped her family quite a bit. Since Wright's birth,, her mother, Judy Ryan, raised her daughter by herself.

"There's a lot of strong women in my family," Wright said.

And Wright is one of them. Described by teammate Lisa Beauchene as a leader and the go-to person for offense, she's not limited entirely to knocking down kills either.

"Her passing not only helps her, but it helps everyone on the team," Hornet head coach Debby Colberg said. "One thing she does really well is play defense."

Although Sac State volleyball may not be guaranteed the Big Sky championship this year, they're still in the running, partly because of Wright.

One of the strongest players on the team, she leads the Hornets in digs with 323, and averages 3.35 kills per game. She won't be easy to replace.

"I think what we're going to have to do is recruit someone with a similar skill," Colberg said. "What Jayme does for us, besides play good offense, is that she passes in every rotation.

We usually just pass with two people, and that's a passing serve. We're going to have to find some to take that over. It won't be easy."

Despite the team's 10-2 conference record, Wright remains confident of her team's ability to go all the way in the Big Sky. Last year, Wright posted a career-high 34 digs against Eastern Washington University. A repeat of that performance could win the Big Sky conference for the Hornets.

"We have to win the rest of our matches, but that's doable," Wright said. "The toughest match will be at Eastern Washington, because we're going to play there. That's going to be our biggest battle, to play Eastern at their home and beat them — then we'll take first."

Off the court Wright is very different person from the intense, win-oriented athlete she becomes when playing volleyball.

"She's a dork," Beauchene said. "She's always laughing. She makes a lot of jokes. She just saw the movie Jackass, and she thinks it's the funniest movie ever."

A Communication Studies major, Wright is specializing in International Communications, which could help her if she plays volleyball in Spain.

Although some communication studies critics claim that the program is phony, Wright sees her degree as being very important.

"Think of it this way: you graduate and look at what you have, communications skills. Someone majoring in business can have no communications skills and can't get a job because they can't pass an interview," Wright said. "So which one do you want, brains or to be able to communicate with people?

I chose communications. It can get you a long way."

Hornets one game back from Eastern Washington

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Night provided extra motivation for the team. Instead, she pointed to the goal they still have yet to achieve.

"It's been a great four years here," Wright said. "I've learned a lot and made a lot of great friends, but the season isn't over yet. We still have some matches to play."

On Tuesday, Sac State hosted Saint Mary's College in a non-conference match. The Hornets won easily, 30-23, 30-18, and 30-23, in a mere one hour and 30 minutes.

Junior setter Lisa Beauchene had a spectacular game for the Hornets, finishing two kills short of a triple-double.

Beauchene had 12 digs and 30 assists to go with the eight kills. She also had five blocks and committed no errors on her way to a match-high .727 hitting percentage.

"I just had a good feeling," Beauchene said. "I felt good during warm-ups. I was focused on not worrying about anything and just going out and playing well."

Bandimere had a team-high 12 kills, while middle hitters, Imrie and Wilson contributed seven blocks each.

The University of Montana came to town on Thursday, bringing with them a 10-match losing streak.

"Montana is interesting," Colberg said prior to the match. "They're improved, but they haven't been winning. They played us to five games (in Montana), so we're taking them seriously."



Lisa Beauchene
Junior Setter

That turned out to be a good strategy, as Montana hung tough throughout a 3-0 Sac State victory.

Montana committed fewer errors (20-26) than Sac State. They held the advantage in hitting percentage (.246-.221), digs (56-50), and blocks (7.0-6.0) but they committed nine service errors to Sac State's one. Only Lizzie Wertz and Katy Kubista finished with double figures in kills.

Three Hornets finished with double figures in kills, led by Wilson's career-high 19. She had a match-high .441 hitting percentage and committed only four errors in 34 total attacks.

Much like Beauchene the match before, Wilson said she "just felt good" during her standout performance.

"We did a good job staying positive," Wilson said. "Our energy was high and we stayed focused when things weren't going well. We got it together when we needed to."

Still, Colberg was happy with the win.

"We did some things well, but we messed up on some really easy things. We didn't do a good job passing the serve," Colberg said. "If we can't do that, we really hinder our defense."

CSUS *Student* ATHLETE *of the* WEEK

DAVID RIOS, Men's Soccer

Senior midfielder David Rios has been named Hornet Bookstore Athlete of the Week after helping the soccer team to a 3-1 win over Mountain Pacific Sports Federation-rival UNLV on Nov. 3. The Auburn, Calif., native is currently tied for third on the squad with two goals and is fourth with five points. For his career, Rios has tallied eight goals, three assists and 19 points while also earning second team all-MPSF honors in 2000. A biology major with a 3.0 gpa, Rios is on pace to graduate this spring. The Hornets will look to earn the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament this week as the squad competes in the MPSF Tournament, Nov. 14-17.

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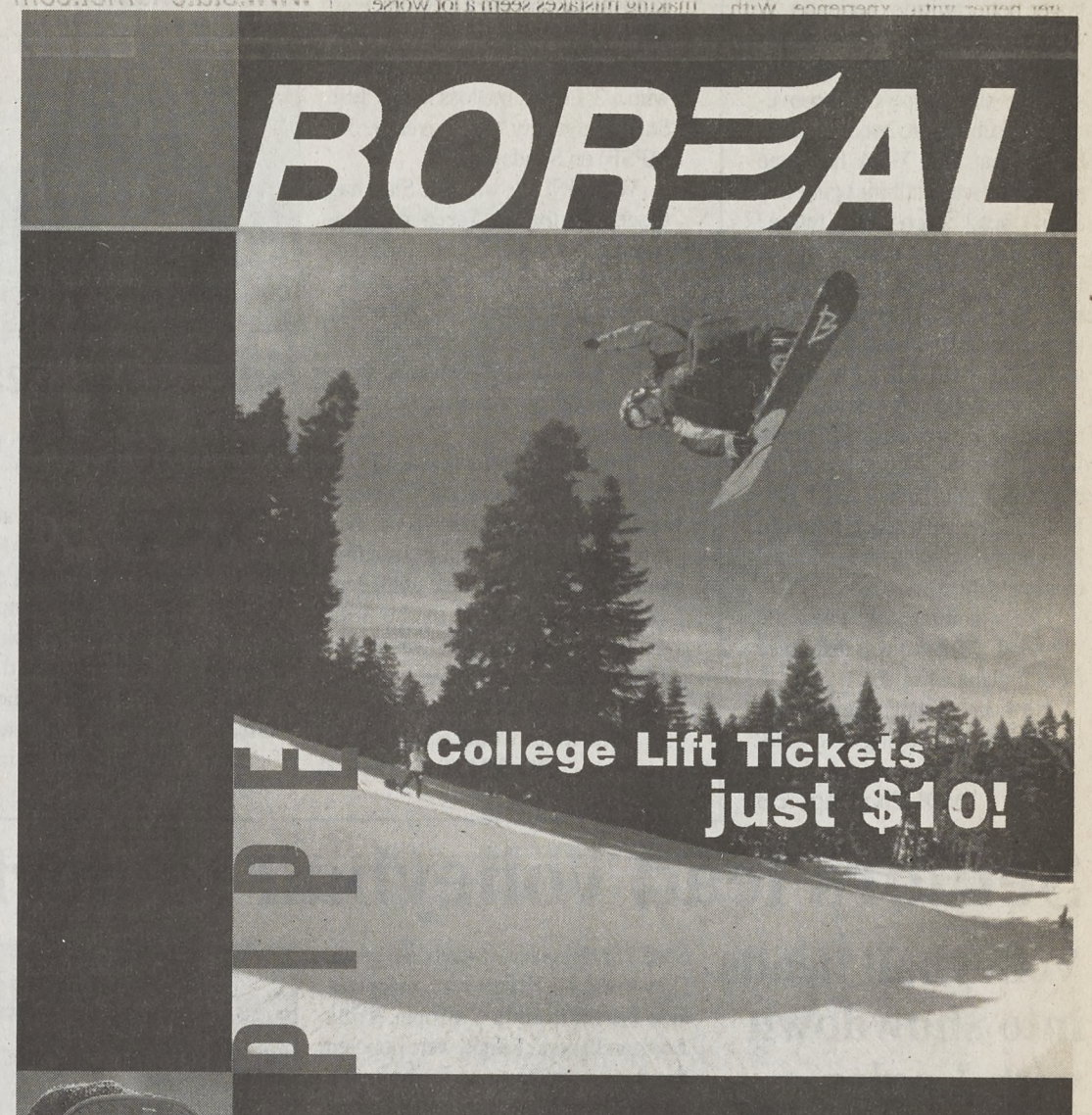
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Ground attack remains solid vs. Grizzlies

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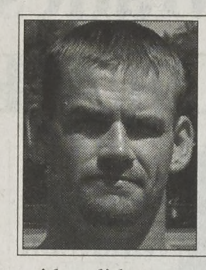
Edwards tied the game on a five-yard touchdown pass to Rory Zikmund, but Brett LeVier responded with a 43-yard field goal to give Sac State a 24-21 lead. Montana then scored 10-straight points to seal the game.

"Not to get it done in the second half means we need to get more consistent," Pielstick said. "And that's the difference between the number one team in the country and us."

The Hornets rushed for 171 yards on the Montana defense, which had allowed a conference-best 78 rushing yards per game coming into Saturday. Riley led the Sac State rushing attack with 86 yards on 12 carries. Garrett White rushed for 81 yards on 18 carries.

On the other side of the ball, the Hornets held the Montana rushing attack, which had averaged 153.8 rushing yards coming into the game, to 40 yards rushing.

"Our kids played hard and they never gave up," defensive coordinator Lou Patrone said. "We played



Garrett White
Running back

with solid energy throughout the whole game."

While the Grizzlies running game struggled, Edwards guided a strong Montana passing attack. The senior quarterback completed 23-of-38 passes for 282 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. Hancock led Montana receivers with 78 yards on six catches with a touchdown.

Hornet quarterback Ryan Leadingham completed 20-of-39 passes for 203 yards, with no touchdowns or interceptions. Fred Amey led all Hornet receivers with 94 yards on eight catches.

Amey failed to get into the end zone, however, snapping a streak of seven-consecutive games with a touchdown.

Tight end Caleb Jones found a soft spot in the middle of the Montana defense, as he picked up 60 yards on five catches.

"Caleb is learning more of the offense," Pielstick said. "He and (Leadingham) are getting on the same page."

Neither offense committed a turnover in the game. The Hornets special teams, however, made their share of mistakes. The Hornets allowed one blocked punt for a touchdown, 202 yards in kickoff and punt returns, and missed a 37-yard field goal.

"This team stayed focused and played hard," said Volek, who watched the game from the stands. "They need to continue to do that in the next few games. We need to find a way to finish."

The Hornets will return to Sacramento to finish their season with two home games, starting with a Saturday game against Weber State. Game time is set for 6:05 pm.

"We want to win these next two games for the seniors," Volek said. "All of my energy is in this Weber State game, and trying to finish in the middle of the pack in the Big Sky."

Hornets to face Denver in first round



PHOTO BY WHITNEY WALLACE/STATE HORNET
David Rios (right) battles for a ball with San Jose on Saturday.

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in the season, the Hornets pulled out a 2-1 overtime victory with goals from David Rios and David Fraser.

If the Hornets can come out with a victory over the Pioneers as they did in the regular season, they will move onto an anticipated rematch with UNM in the second round. Sac State fell earlier this season to the No. 1 seeded Lobos in a 2-1 loss. But UNM will be coming into the tournament after suffering their first MPSF loss of the season. The Lobos fell to the No. 3 seed University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2-0, in their regular season finale.

In the other first round contest, No. 3 UNLV will take on No. 6 Air Force. In the regular season meeting the Rebels routed the Falcons 6-0. The winner will advance to the second round to face up with No. 2 seed, and co-conference champion, San Jose State. With UNM's loss and the Spartans 2-1 overtime victory over Sac State on Sunday, both teams finished at 5-1. Thus, the championship the Lobos expected to maintain sole possession of, must now be shared with San Jose.

There is no clear-cut winner to this tournament, although the advantage of home field does apply to UNM. Considering that last year the bottom seeds, No. 7 Fresno State and No. 8 UNM, made it to the championship game, proves that anything can happen.

Maybe this year there will be another reversal of fortunes. The Hornets only hope it will be in their favor this time around.

Both second round games will be played on Friday, with the championship game played on Sunday.

Men's soccer falls to San Jose State in finale

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it doesn't matter if we play good and lose," Hornet head coach Michael Linenberger said. "We have to play well and get a good result."

With time running out, leading goal scorer David Fraser began to cause havoc just outside SJSU's goal box.

The Hornets were awarded a free-kick from about 20 yards out. Fraser sent a powerful blast towards the goal, but it deflected off the wall of the Spartans. Fraser alertly got to the deflection first, and sent in another high, powerful shot towards Spartan goalkeeper Mike Lawrence.

Lawrence attempted to deflect the shot over his crossbar, instead he sent it into his goal. With nine minutes remaining, Fraser had given the Hornets the tying goal.

"Coming back and tying it up gives us a little bit of confidence," McDougall said. "But we're disappointed with the performance in the overtime period."

With less than three minutes left in overtime, the Spartans laid stake to their co-conference championship. Eric Rodriguez broke free down the left side and found Tony Chang who made a far post run. Chang found Rodriguez's cross in the box, and pu t it in past McDougall.

McDougall tallied five saves while Lawrence came up with four. Fraser and forward Patrick Nelle led the Hornets with two shots on goal apiece.

"It was a pure breakdown all the way from the forwards to the defenders," McDougall said of the overtime goal.

On Thursday, amidst 30-40 mile per hour winds and rain, Sac State dropped a non-conference match to Santa Clara University, 1-0.

With five minutes remaining in the first half, the Bronco's Jeff Scott scored the single goal of the contest. A Sac State defender and Santa Clara striker Jamil Walker tangled in the box in front of McDougall's goal. A misplaced clear fell to the feet of Scott, who retrieved the ball and scored with a well-placed shot to the bottom left corner of the net.

McDougall recorded six saves, while Bronco goalkeeper Kent Harkness notched his first shutout of the season with three saves.

"It's unfortunate," Hornet defender Utodi Madu said. "To get to the point where you could score goals and you just couldn't finish.

"We controlled the game the whole second half. All of it. It's just one of those games; you play your best and the result doesn't show."

The Hornets are placed as the No. 4 seed and will take on the University of Denver Pioneers at the No. 5 seed.

"What are our goals," Linenberger asked of the tournament. "A three-game winning streak."

Volek shouldn't lose job over suspension

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but I am saying that his rope is a lot shorter than Knight's was.

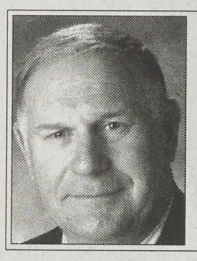
Going into the game against No.1-ranked Montana, many assumed that the Hornets were in too deep.

When the suspension of Volek was announced earlier in the week, those assumptions quickly turned into affirmations.

Nevertheless, the Hornets came out and played one of their most inspired games of the season, showing heart and a "never say die" attitude.

Eventually Sac State succumbed to the Grizzlies, but not without earning the respect of the Hornet fans.

Keep in mind that the Hornets are a young football team that will get better with experience. With



John Volek
Hornet Coach

an offensive nucleus of Ryan Leadingham, Tyronne Gross and Fred Amey, none of whom are upper classmen, a lot of mistakes that cost Sac State games this year will hopefully be eliminated next season.

However, the question remains, will Volek get a vote of confidence from Wanless, or will the Hornets be competing under a new regime?

One mistake shouldn't cost you your job, but losing has a way of making mistakes seem a lot worse.

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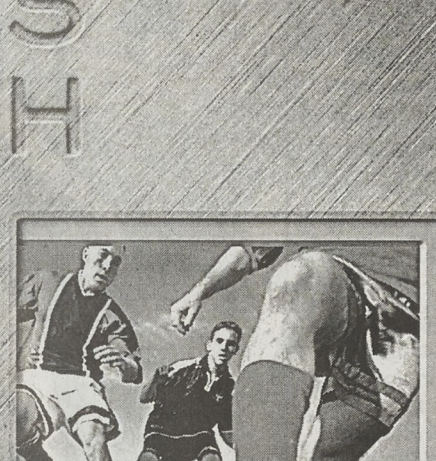
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Wright's Journal

Editor's note: Senior outside hitter Jayme Wright currently leads the Hornet volleyball team with 3.38 kill per game. She recorded 14 kills and 16 digs against Montana State on Saturday, and submitted her first player journal following the contest.



Jayme Wright
Outside Hitter

Profile
Name: Jayme Wright
Height: 5-foot-10
Position: Outside Hitter
Year: Senior
Hometown: Pleasanton, Calif./ Foothill HS

Last season Wright was named second-team all-Big Sky after finishing second in the conference with 3.47 digs per game.

2002 Stats
Matches Played *30*
Kills Per Game *3.38*
Digs Per Game *3.41*
Blocks Per Game *0.40*
Assists Per Game *0.62*

First Entry

Before I get into how we're doing this season, let me take everyone back to last year's emotional season. We deservingly won the regular season title, which meant that we got to host the Big Sky Tournament.

It's nice to be able to host the tournament because home-court advantage is huge. Once the tournament starts, the regular season means nothing, it's do or die. Either you win the tournament for an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament, or you lose and go home, season over.

Last year we hosted the Big Sky Tournament and we won in the semifinals, advancing along with Eastern Washington to go toe-to-toe in the finals.

This game was "it," and it was time to beat Eastern again. We had beaten them twice during the regular season, so we were highly favored to win.

Eastern played practically flawless, and we failed to step our game up. It was a heartbreaking loss, and that was the end of our season. One loss meant no NCAA Tournament and they went on. It was unreal and hard to believe that one loss had ended all of our hard work for the season. Fortunately for me, I had another year to face them, and I wanted revenge.

A few weeks ago, Eastern came to our gym ranked No. 15 in the nation, and they were 20-0; that's right, NO LOSSES! What a predicament they got themselves into, undefeated and they had to face us, at our house. Their heads were way too big, and we decided that they needed to be deflated; on our home court, in front of our fans, where they had beaten us last year.

Our team came out and played with an urgency that I hadn't seen all year. We beat Eastern in three-straight games, and sent them packing with hurt egos and a loss to go with it – it felt great!

We are still the only loss on their record, and they stand in first place in the Big Sky. We are 10-2 in conference and in second place, but this will soon change because we travel to have a showdown at Eastern Washington on Friday night. Nothing will be sweeter than beating them in their house, and there's not a better team to do it than us.

With a win at Eastern on Friday, and a win at Portland on Saturday, we will be crowned the regular season champs and will bring the tournament to Sac State.

Our team is anxious to work hard at practice this week in preparation for the battles on the road. We are a team with a lot of heart and we're ready to prove it.

Morales and Madeson set to compete at NCAA Regionals

KEVIN KURTZ
State Hornet



Melissa Madeson
Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country team's head coach, Joe Neff, selected Melissa Madeson and Ben Morales to represent Sacramento State at the NCAA Western Regionals. The race takes place on the hilly course at Stanford University on Nov. 16.

"This race is just frosting on top of the cake for these runners," Neff said. "They both have had remarkable seasons."

Both runners have experienced great success on this particular course and are very familiar with it. Six weeks ago, Madeson and Morales placed first for their teams at the Stanford Invitational on Sept. 28, finishing 36th and 56th, respectively. With a large number of competitors, the narrow start of the course makes it challenging for competitors.

Madeson and Morales are counting on their experience to help them get off to a strong start. The race is not only exciting for both runners, but it could be sentimental for Madeson.

If she fails to qualify for the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. on Nov. 25, this will be her last collegiate race.

Madeson has battled back from last year's season-ending knee injury, and has represented the school and the cross country team with tremendous dedication.

She will be remembered for her work ethic and is looked upon as a positive role model and leader.

Morales, a junior transfer student, has ran his way into the spotlight for the men's cross country team.



Ben Morales (left) and Mellisa Madeson will compete at the NCAA Western Regionals at the University of Stanford this weekend.

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"I am really excited to compete against some of the best runners on the west coast," Morales said. "I am looking forward to the race at Stanford."



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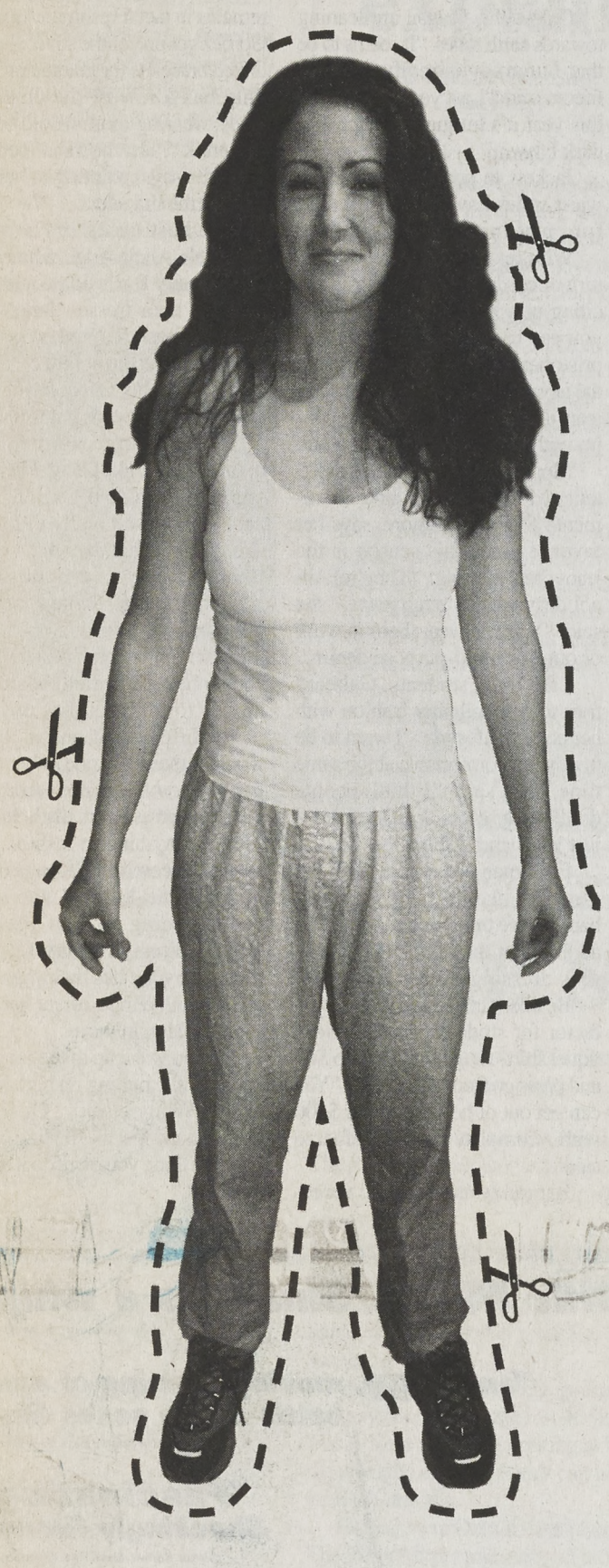
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A guy's view of fall fashion

HILTON COLLINS
State Hornet

For many young men, comfort, affordability and style compose the recipe for fashion success. This fall at Sacramento State, men's wear is being transformed and redefined as students create their own unique styles.

At Express for Men, the typical college guy can find plenty of outfits to look his best. According to Express manager Selina Buron, men love denim. "Denim [is] our number one selling item" she said. "It's part of the staple of anyone's closet."

"All around campus, I see all kinds of people wearing those faded jeans, " said senior Chris Watkins. He prefers cargo shirts, t-shirts and regular jeans. "I don't need anything too flashy. I like casual clothes." Watkins named Old Navy as one of his favorite shops.

"Down jackets are always popular," said Eddie Bauer employee San-

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A gal's view of fall fashion

MICHELLE MILLER
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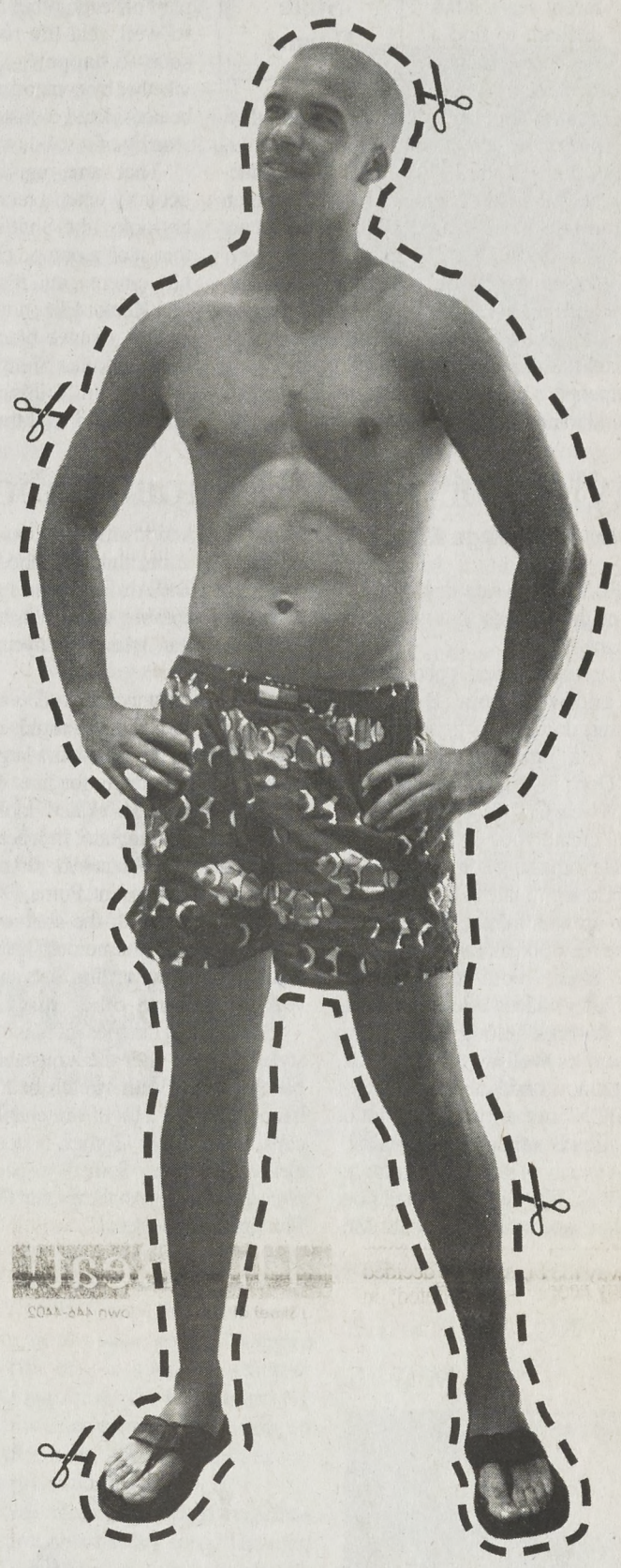
Mother Nature seems to be clinging to her tank tops and flip-flops. But despite the recent summery heat, fall is here along with a bevy of new styles and trends for women's fashion.

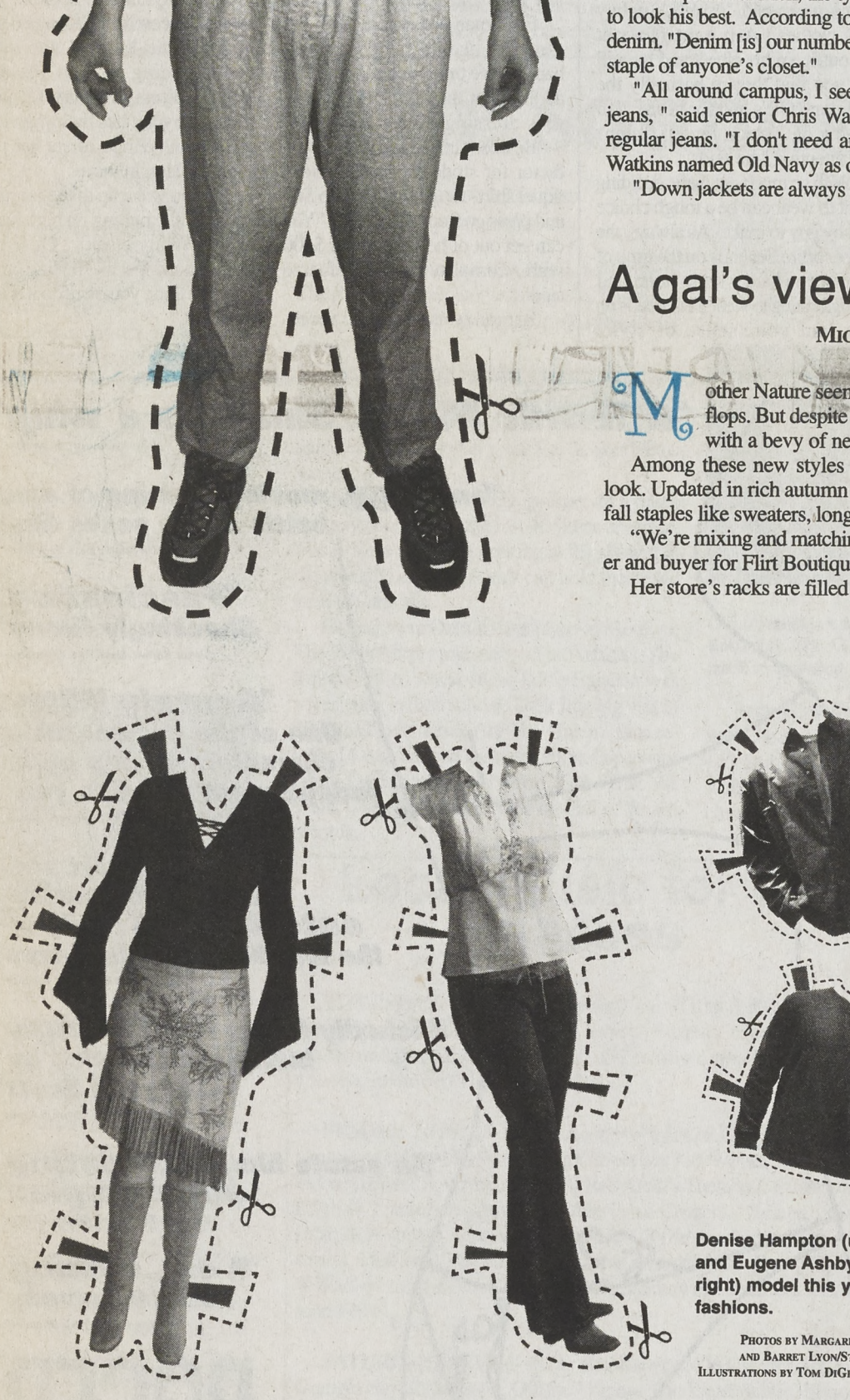
Among these new styles are re-workings of summer's bohemian look. Updated in rich autumn hues, the look is exquisite when met with fall staples like sweaters, long skirts and velvety fabrics.

"We're mixing and matching so much," said Brigette Refuerzo, owner and buyer for Flirt Boutique on Howe Avenue.

Her store's racks are filled with fluttery sleeves and soft suede pants

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Denise Hampton (upper left) and Eugene Ashby (upper right) model this year's hottest fashions.

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Theater review

'Fully Committed' feels like episode of 'Seinfeld'

COREY QUAN
State Hornet

Be prepared for a frantic evening of stomach-churning comedy if you decide to see Sacramento Theatre Company's presentation of Becky Mode's "Fully Committed," an off-the-cuff satire that chronicles a hectic day of one man's life.

The one-man play is reminiscent of a "Seinfeld" episode. Like Seinfeld, "Fully Committed" is a show about nothing and has nothing in the way of a traditional plot. This is actually a good thing, because a plot would seriously undermine the play's subtle and subjective messages.

The performance's non-stop action comes by way of the amazing Matt K. Miller, who portrays Sam, a reservations clerk for a posh four-star restaurant. Sam's your typical guy from next door and struggling actor combination. When two co-workers fail to show up for work, Sam is forced to conduct all of his business from the claustrophobic confines of the restaurant's basement, alone. There he copes with catering to the needs of the restaurant's staff and an avalanche of phone calls from people wanting to make reservations.

Miller's handling of the play's multitude of other characters is nothing short of awe inspiring. He manages to differentiate one character from the next by merely varying voice, gestures and body language. From Miller's bouncy and high-strung interpretation of Bryce, Naomi Campbell's assistant, to the reserved calm of the restaurant's hostess, you'll always know who's who.

Sam is clearly the last wrung on the corporate ladder. He's a slave to the system, one who's forced to inform callers that the restaurant is booked for the next two months and is "fully committed" to the customers who made those reservations. He's also powerless to counter the whims of

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Nobel Prize winner to talk to students

MARGARET FRIEDMAN
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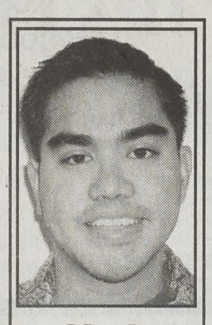
Sacramento State's Multi Cultural Center invites students and faculty to a guest lecture Monday by Nobel Peace Prize winner and Guatemalan Civil Rights leader Rigoberta Menchu Tum.

Rigoberta Menchu Tum is a Mayan native, who was born in 1959. Because of her family's struggle with oppression, she became involved in civil rights at a young age. Menchu Tum's family lived in a small Guatemalan community. They were very poor and worked on plantations to keep from starving. Her two older brothers died as a result of mistreatment on the plantation where they worked as children.

Menchu Tum's father was imprisoned, tortured and later killed because of his involvement in a peasant movement. Her younger brother and her mother were also killed by the military. She joined

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The Rear Window: A director, his bride and his princess



Noeh Nazareno
State Hornet

Today is one special day as director Garry Marshall turns a ripe and active 68. Marshall is synonymous with TV shows like "The Odd Couple," "Happy Days," "Laverne and Shirley" and "Mork and Mindy" and the film "Pretty Woman." He's also the brother of director Penny Marshall ("A League of Their Own").

In recent years, it has been difficult to find a movie to be entertained by without feeling guilty or forgetting about it in one way or another. He is one of the few directors from the revolutionary times of the 1970s that is still producing good solid entertainment. He was the man behind two perfect hits, 1999's "Runaway Bride" and 2001's "The Princess Diaries."

"Why are they perfect?" you ask. In an average and conservative mindset, perfect entertainment has the ability to reach intellects of all ages without being condescending or flying over people's heads, while still remaining pleasant and transcending the competition to be universally well-liked. The last part causes some problems for "Bride," but that's easily addressed.

That film was easily criticized for not being as good as "Pretty Woman," and unjustly so. "Pretty" was about a hooker and a businessman in L.A. "Bride" was about a big-city journalist in a small-town falling for a small-town tool shop girl. Hooker vs. shop girl, there's no way these could be similar movies.

Marshall took sharp scripts, a hand-picked slate of actors, and mixed them together in a magic that's more engaging and properly sweet in "Bride." Stars Richard Gere and Julia Roberts play off each other in a love-hate relationship so well, real-life romantics would dream of such to happen to them. There's no joke, whether by content and/or execution, that would be considered distasteful to any audience, or unworthy of a solid chuckle.

That same quality exists in "Diaries," particularly when a teenager tells a chauffeur that he looks like Shaft. You only need to know that such a named character exists in pop culture cinema, and it's instantly funny to realize that Hector Elizondo, sporting black sunglasses and a suave black leather jacket and suit, does look like Shaft.

The film follows Mia Themopolis (Anne Hathaway) in her transformation from teenage outcast to Princess of Genovia. Her recently deceased father was Prince of Genovia, so she's the rightful heir and now next in line for the country's royal family. It addresses the experiences of love, growing up and opening one's mind to new things, both from a young and old standpoint. Mia's grandmother, Queen Clarisse Renaldi ("Mary Poppins" herself, Julie Andrews), prepares her for a new life, and Mia reminds her of a simpler and more important part of life outside of royalty.

"Diaries" could have been in danger of being too "Disney" (it is, after all, a Disney movie) or too feminine. But the script is intelligent and insightful enough to maintain any adult's attention span and be an enriching experience for youth without being boring or preachy. Hathaway, Andrews, and Elizondo (as the royal chauffeur) come together theatrically like The Three Tenors do musically; they do a great service to Marshall's direction and charmed audiences to the tune of $108 million. No blood or busty beauties involved in this, nor "Bride."

The magic apparent in both movies is something the older generations of moviegoers miss, and something the younger generations missed out growing up on. But thanks to Marshall, his "Bride" and his "Princess," both groups can finally have something to stand and cheer for. Happy Birthday!

Style: For some, fashion is about what's hot and what's not

Style: From Page B5

dra Rodriguez. Sweatshirts with logos on them are also hits with shoppers there.

For some, fashion is about what's hot and what's not. But smart dressers don't follow trends blindly. Just ask junior Ryian Carter.

"Don't just wear what the other guy is wearing," Carter said. "You've gotta create your own style. One minute something is in, then it's out," said Carter. "I like to look nice and keep up with trends, but it doesn't make me or break me. Be yourself and make your own look."

Carter notices velour jumpsuits and do-rags among the hip-hop group, as well as other trends. "Right now braids are going out [of style]," Carter explained. "A lot of my friends are cutting their hair."

A variety of stores cater to the urban look, like Getta Clue and Foot Action. According to Donald McCall, a Foot Action employee, consumers buy more than just shoes like Jordans and Air Force Ones at his store. "People buy velour suits by Rocawear, Sean John and Enyce," he said.

"A lot of skateboard stuff is in right now," said Zumiez employee Shaun Grimm. His store has a large collection of products for fans of the aforementioned "skater" look. "Up here in Sacramento, Independent's pretty big," Shaun said. Brand names like Independent, Puma, DC and Element fly off the shelves. Their logos adorn numerous skateboards, shirts, sweatshirts, hats and wallets, among other things.

Skaters also like flex-fit hats - a style modeled after the adjustable baseball caps with stretch headbands. "We sell a lot of stretchable caps," said Emily Gomez, a store clerk for Pac Sun. "Sometimes people want other types of caps, but the flex fits are in demand."

There's a smorgasbord of apparel out there for the stylish young man, but the question remains: "What should you wear before leaving the house?"

That's a question most guys ask themselves before they leave to go to school, work, out on a date or elsewhere. But for some Sac State students, the answer's just not that important.

"At Sac State, I think half of the people care about their appearance," said sophomore David Campos. "I think most people try to create their own fashion."

Campos thinks most students dress more casually at school than they do anywhere else. "Well, you're at school, not at work or anything. What's the point?"

Others on campus agree. "I'm not really into clothes," said senior Ian Noumov. "I'm more casual."

Like many guys, Campos and Noumov just wear what they want and what they find comfortable. Of course, affordability is also a big concern, especially in college, when most guys scrounge for cash to afford the most basic needs.

Noumov hunts for discounts and buys many of his summer clothes during the fall season when prices are low. "I normally buy everything that's on sale."

Some people are even more frugal. "I don't even shop, man," senior Tim Aguerre said. "I rarely ever buy new clothes." Ask Aguerre about the outfits in his closet and he will tell you that they're basically the same one's he's had for years. "I'm not big on fashion myself. I don't pay attention," he said.

With so much out there, deciding what to wear can be a tough choice for any guy to make. As always, the proper attire depends on the time of year, but no look is set in stone, and the right thing to wear all depends on you and your sense of style.

Fashion: Everyone has own style

Fashion: From Page B5

that beckon to be touched. The pieces have the fringe, ruffles and gypsy colors that make up the bohemian style.

"I'm trying to bring an east coast look to Sacramento which consists of hats, big belts, lots of denim and long romantic flowing patterns," she said, equating her store's wares to the styles worn by stars like Jennifer Lopez and Alicia Keys.

Colors this season are leaning towards earth tones. "It seems to be that burgundy is really in," Refuerzo said. "Last year it was blue, this year it's burgundy, taupe and dark brown."

Jackets in peacoat and raised-waist styles have touches of faux fur, making them ultra hip.

With textures, fall sees the return of corduroy and velour in exciting new styles. Another fabric you can't live without is, no surprise here, denim. Refuerzo said the new take on denim will be short jean jackets and dressed-up denim with accessories for going out.

Megan Gabbard, a sales assistant at Flirt Boutique and Sacramento State sophomore, says her favorite piece this season is the jeans she's wearing. "[They're] Angel dirty wash stretch jeans," she said. "You can wear them to work or out. It's multi-purpose denim."

Like most students, Gabbard tries to reconcile her fashion with her college lifestyle. "I want to be trendy but comfortable at the same time," she said. "I think people don't really dress up for school – just jeans and T-shirts."

Freshman Nai Saelee feels the same. "I like dressing up, but I barely have time for that," she said, adding that the only students she sees dressing up are freshman.

Besides time, money is also a factor for students. At Flirt Boutique, shirts range from $36 to $69 and pants go from $49 to $99. "You can get out of here for under $100 with a complete outfit," Refuerzo said.

If money is lacking, accessorizing may be the way to update your look for fall. There are tons of cheap thrills like newsboy caps, bags, scarves, crocheted beaded wraps and tied belts that will make welcomed and stylish additions to any fall wardrobe.

Jewelry trends are anything with beads and a vintage look. Although the Pope recently condemned actresses for wearing them, crosses are another popular jewelry choice.

The Italian charm bracelet craze remains in tact. Freshman Amanda Gomez got one of the silver square-linked bracelets for graduation. She only has a few of the charmed studs; wearing more would be too cluttered. "I like the main focus on top," she says, pointing to her initials on the bracelet.

The best accessory may be good hair. Alicia Adge, a hair stylist at Beauty Bar, said people tend to make their tresses darker and longer in the fall. "Red is popular, especially red lowlights," Adge said. Lowlights are coloring that are darker than your natural color.

Having sharp contrasting color in your hair, like Columbian sensation Shakira, is the trend. "The natural look isn't really in for our age group," said Jennifer Harris, Beauty Bar's receptionist.

Boots will be adorning feet this fall. Knee-high heeled boots in a multitude of shades like deep red and tanned leather are the perfect pieces to build outfits around.

But freshman Stephanie Wingo would rather wear one of her eight pairs of comfy sneakers from DC or Converse than high heels. "Above anything in fashion, you have to be comfortable, so you gotta have the kicks," she said.

Depending on who you ask, Vogue editors or funky fashionistas, everyone has their own idea of fashion. Wingo offers her personal fashion mantra.

"If you wake up in the morning and feel like putting on high heels, do it," Wingoe said. "Or if you wake up and feel like putting on the baggiest thing you own, do it. Fashion is art."

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CD REVIEWS

SATURATE AN APTLY TITLED CD FOR BREAKING BENJAMIN

When I read the press materials that accompanied Breaking Benjamin's full-length debut Saturate, I could hardly wait to get the CD into my stereo and hear the new gospel according to Hollywood Records. I mean, what music fan wouldn't be titillated by such powerful characterizations as "speaker-melting riffage" or "amp-joy intensity?"



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Breaking Benjamin played The Boardwalk in Orangevale last week. They're set to play the Memorial Auditorium later this month with 3 Doors Down.

I should give the label credit for trying, I suppose. Still, as long as we're making up completely asinine new phrases to describe Breaking Benjamin, why not something like "hype-regurgitated suckage" or "derivative-boredom insanity?" It's hard to conceive a better title for the album than Saturate, especially when you consider how well the band, their producer and their label have squeezed so much unlistenable, overproduced trash into a single offering.

Rating: 0 out of 4 stars
-S.T. VanAirsdale

DEAD KENNEDYS REMIND US WHAT REAL PUNK MUSIC IS WITH A NEW LIVE OFFERING



Back before punk meant specials on MTV Cribs and signature Fender guitars, hardcore punk pioneers the Dead Kennedys were leveling audiences with aggressive, raucous performances. This live album chronicles the band's entire career, which lasted through much of the '80s. Most of the 13 tracks here are incredibly raw. In some tracks, the band's live mistakes are left intact, including Jello Biafra forgetting words. But then, no one ever said punk was pretty or perfect. Amusingly, some of the tracks feel dated; as Biafra's signature rants against Ronald Reagan no longer have any relevant political meaning. Essentially it's a "greatest hits" album. Fan favorites like "California Uber Alles" show up, yet my favorite "Anarchy for Sale" is absent. Still, Mutiny on the Bay would earn a perfect four stars if it weren't for the complete lack of liner notes, other than the message "question authority."

Rating: 3.5 out of 4 stars
-Tom DiGiurco

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Local act Squish the Bad Man explain 'How to get to Heaven'

DANIELLE ANSELMO
State Hornet

The city of Boston has made countless invaluable contributions to our society. First there was the Boston Tea Party, then there was the Boston Red Sox and now, there's rock duo Squish the Bad Man.

Both recent graduates of Berklee College of Music in Boston, Julie Meyers and Dave Middleton have been collaborating for about 3 1/2 years, though they only formally started their band, Squish the Bad Man, three months ago.

Although they draw inspiration from everything from hip hop to classic country, Squish strives to defy any conventional categorization. "There's probably someone that we sound like, but we're trying really hard not to sound like anyone." said Meyers.



PHOTO BY ADAM VARONA/STATE HORNET

Squish the Bad Man members Julie Meyers and Dave Middleton's debut offering How To Get to Heaven will be ready for resale at about Christmas time at their Web site www.squishthebadman.com.

Middleton agreed. "We don't want to be the next big anything but the next big Squish the Bad Man. We're just trying to make really good music."

Armed with nothing but their guitars, one electric, one acoustic, and their voices, Squish delivers rock that is sometimes folky, sometimes funky, but always solid.

Meyers' lead vocals, reminiscent of Patty Smith, perfectly compliment Middleton's crafty guitar work and melodic voice.

"There's lots of S**t going on - we're a duo with two guitars and we're trying to work within those limitations." said Middleton.

Meyers' talents as a singer, songwriter and guitar player was nourished by her family's love for music. All of her uncles, both of her brothers and her father all play instruments.

Middleton, also a singer, songwriter and guitar player, became interested in music in high school. "I was a singer because I was the only guy in my high school who could sing in key - but then they wanted to be a hardcore band, so they kicked me out. So then I started to learn guitar just to stick it to them." said Middleton.

Squish has been playing local venues like the True Love Coffeehouse, Luna's Cafe and Delta of Venus since they moved here earlier in the year, and are currently recording their first CD.

"We started recording in August. It will be out by Christmas. It's gonna be called How to Get to Heaven - six songs of sexual bliss." said Meyers.

Squish will be appearing on The Nobody Show at True Love Coffeehouse (2406 J Street) on Thursday at 9 p.m. and again at the True Love with David Houston on Saturday at 9 p.m.

The sounds of the Sights

MICHELLE MILLER
State Hornet

They're not just worshiping at the shrine of The Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin, The Sights have what it takes to be the rock gods themselves.

A healthy crowd gathered Friday at Old Ironsides to witness their take on the 60s-inspired garage sound that has commandeered the ears of many music-lovers ever since The Strokes hit the scene.

That sound is more than garage; it's a puree that pays homage to the last 40 years of music. Their talent and song-crafting skills show that these pupils of rock history can hold their own with the masters.

Hailing from Detroit (birthplace of Motown, The White Stripes and many a Ford vehicle), The Sights formed when singer Eddie Baranek was a freshman in high school. Their first gig was in 1998 and their debut, Are You Green?, was released a year later on the now-defunct Spectator label. Their sophomore effort, Got What We Want, was released this year on Fall of Rome records.

The band took the stage at 11 p.m. and quickly cut into the album's opener "Don't Want You Back," a rollicking number that flipped gears through its many parts as drummer Dave Shettler's head whipped around in a flurry of dirty blond hair.



PHOTO BY KELLEY KUKIS

Old Ironsides played host to the Sights last Saturday. The Michigan threesome will be back in the area in a few months.

Baranek's stage presence evokes the detached and brooding aura of Kurt Cobain. But on "One and Only," Baranek's feet were spry, kicking with the rhythm as he strangled and shook the chords out of his guitar.

Vintage denim and scissor-shy mops of hair were the required uniform, a kind of casual rocker chic that the college-aged band clearly favors.

The most pop-friendly song was "Be Like Normal," with a chorus so catchy it's vaguely familiar. Is it a commercial jingle from my youth? Or part of some Jungian collective unconscious?

Matt Hatch excelled on bass with the swaggering "Got What We Want." The music was a little too big for the tiny stage, so Hatch stepped off to give a little bass-in-your-face action to the crowd. But apparently the floor wasn't big enough for one audience member who hopped on stage. Shettler threw her a silly grin as she danced next to his drum kit.

On organ, Nate Cavalieri clenched a cigarette in his lips on just about every song. The man played like a nicotine demon, so consumed with the music he forgot to exhale and spirals of smoke had to find their own way out of his mouth.

And as several patrons of Old Ironsides raised their beer bottles to the scruffy kids, The Sights were beheld as the rock band they have the potential to be.

Local music for the masses

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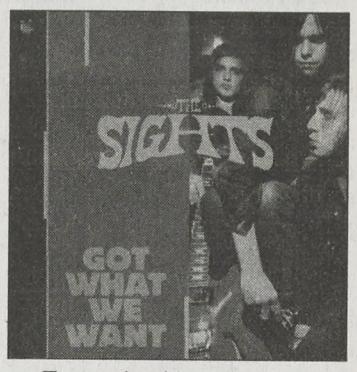
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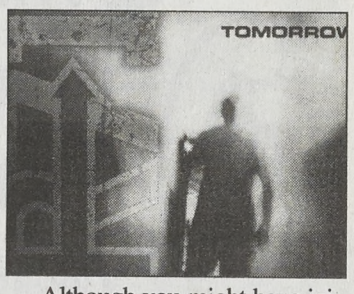
THE SIGHTS GIVE ROCK A NEW (OLD) SOUND



Forget that it's a paradox, it's refreshing to hear something new that sounds so old. Comparisons to The Sights may read like dad's musty record collection (Beatles, Kinks, Beach Boys), but this is really music for his downtown hipster sons and daughters who are co-opting retro cool. The Sights' sound comes straight from the garage, but it's a nose for pop harmonies that gives the band appeal. Psychedelia reigns on their latest LP Got What We Want. The title track is a randy plea for loving with crunching and pulsing guitar. "Last Chance" is a blaring break-up anthem that wounds with Baranek's stabbing staccato delivery of "I feel no sympathy, you're just too sleazy for me." Soulful cries explode on "Nobody", a seven-and-a-half minute jam that continues to spark like a firework just when you thought it was about to simmer. The Sights prove on Got What I Want that sonic leftovers still taste good.

Rating: 4 out of 4 stars
-Michelle Miller

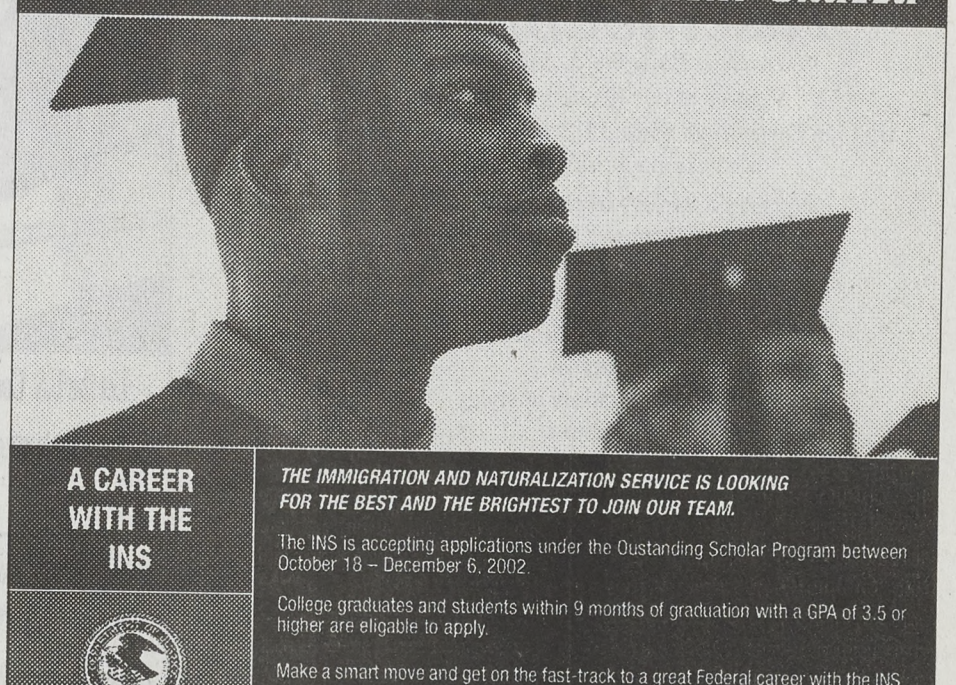
SR-71 PRESENTS A SHARP FOLLOW-UP ALBUM



Although you might have initially thought of them as a clone of Blink 182 or Sum 41, the Baltimore band SR-71 is back with a bigger and better sophomore album, Tomorrow. SR-71 continues to indulge their signature pop/punk flare that was previously established with "Now You See Inside," their first album. This time, however, the boys create songs that appear to exude more of a rock edge that punk fans will thirst for.

Rating: 3 out of 4 stars
-Angela Savage

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his employer. At one point in the play, he's ordered to clean up a mess in the women's bathroom, something even the busboys refuse to do. He does put up a fight and protests when asked. But, like all the other times of conflict, eventually caves in and does as ordered.

Miller's interpretation of Sam will definitely endear the character to audiences. He tirelessly runs back and forth from the head chef's private telephone line to the restaurant's intercom, the only other means of interaction between him and the rest of the staff. Sam is a man who's not in control of his life. He can't even get time off from work to spend Christmas with his newly widowed father. Sam's a toy, a yo-yo whose string keeps getting tugged from one direction to another.

But "Fully Committed" is much more than a show about a man who has lost control of his life. It's also about the turning points where he experiences fleeting moments of clarity and the rare epiphanies that bring the reigns of control back into his hands.

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For instance, Sam is immediately labeled as a by-the-book type of person when he receives a call from someone who tries to bribe him for a reservation. Sam diplomatically informs the caller that he doesn't accept bribes for squeezing in late reservation calls. Later on, Sam's attention is drawn to an envelope on the floor when the same person calls again. When Sam sees the wad of money inside the envelope, he doesn't hesitate to take it before bumping another customer off his table. Turning points like this help to make Sam a more believable and human character.

The theatre company's use of Stage 2 for the play helps Miller to suck the audience in. The stage's seating capacity is diminutive, maxing out at 80 people. This makes for an intimate arrangement. You can't help but feel involved because everything is happening only a few feet away. Miller's close proximity to the seats negates the disconnected feeling that's often associated with productions staged in larger auditoriums.

The play isn't without its pitfalls, though. The use of profanity in some of the dialogue can be distracting at times. As the play progresses, certain bits of information are left out. For instance, several parts of set's background are covered with bold notes forbidding the acceptance of a reservation if it's called in by a man named Finley. He does make an appearance in the play but the reason for his blacklisting never surfaces.

Miller deserves kudos for a masterful performance that puts the audience in Sam's shoes. Your nerves will be frazzled and your brow sweaty by the time you leave the show. Kudos to Mode, too, for creating a pulse-quickening restaurant comedy that everyone can relate to. Just remember to bring a bottle of Pepto-bismal or a roll of Tums.

Tum: Event takes place Monday

Tum: From Page B5

the peasant movement with her father and became a leader in the community. She became a wanted criminal by the Guatemalan government and fled to Mexico.

Menchu Tum released a critically acclaimed autobiography in 1983. She narrated "When mountains Tremble," a documentary film about the struggles of the Mayan people in 1987. She won the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize for her work and used the cash prize to establish a foundation for the fight for indigenous people's rights.

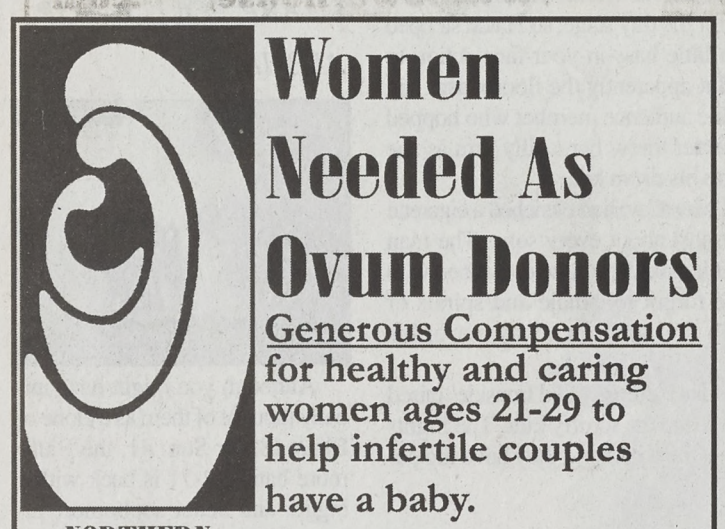
She has been active in the women's movement as well. She is the U.N. representative for indigenous people's rights. She speaks three languages: two Mayan dialects and Spanish.

Menchu Tum will discuss the diversity of indigenous people around the world during her campus appearance. This is an important topic, especially for Sac State students, because of the diversity of the college's population. Menchu Tum will also be meeting with Freshman Seminar classes for smaller group discussions.

The event will be held in the University Union's Ballroom on Monday at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 for general admission and $10 for students. They can be purchased at the University Box Office or from Tickets.com.











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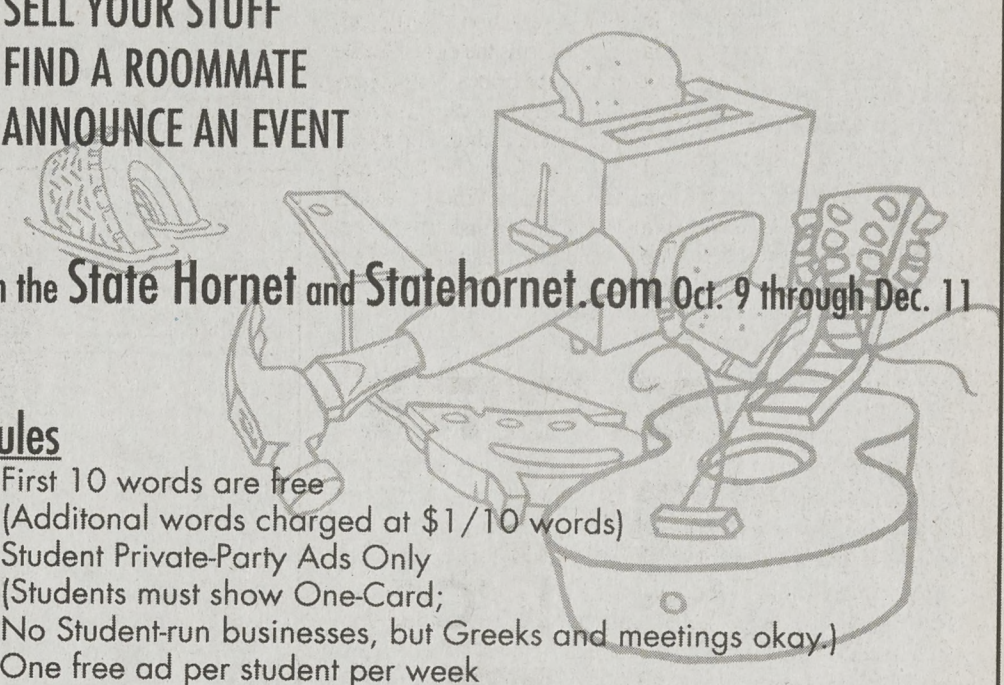
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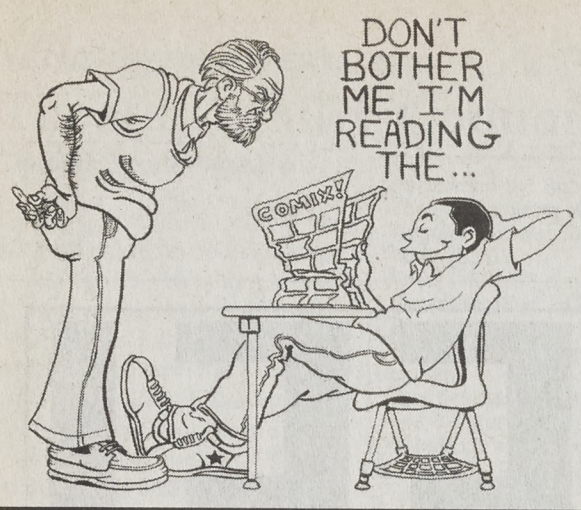
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Faculty Fashion Faux Pas

The Whipping Post

BY S.T. VANAIRSDALE
HORNET COLUMNIST

I can see clearly now and I'm not talking about the storm that just blew over. I'm talking about what my friend Abby Trott pointed out to me in one of our classes the other day.

"Oh my God," Abby said, "He's wearing those pants again."

It was true. Our professor was wearing a light-colored pair of pants that left about as much to the class' imagination as one of his exhaustive lectures. That marked the third week in a row that Abby and I were able to discuss his less than exquisite taste in boxer shorts and was just the latest case in an epidemic of faculty fashion faux pas.

In fairness, I don't know if I'm especially qualified to comment on anybody's wardrobe transgressions. Most of my clothes come from clearance racks and Christmas gifts gone wrong. Only last week another friend said of my appearance, "You've gotta do something about your style."

Nevertheless, I know to avoid wearing running shoes with dress pants. I have a clue that Naugahyde is not an acceptable substitute for leather as jacket material, and I know enough to tell you that yellow and brown don't go together unless ... well, you know.

Many Sac State professors—men in particular—appear to be struggling with these concepts. Stained and shrunken paisley neckties are of considerable concern, as are scores of faded suits and garments that appear to have been purchased (and likely outgrown) sometime during the Nixon administration. One instructor even terrorized campus recently in a handpainted silk shirt, and yet another taught a full evening class in stretched-out 1980s workout apparel.

Many students I talked to presume that educators' shabby attire might be a consequence of low salaries. Other students worry that professors are lonely and suffer from low self-esteem. These theories may have some merit but they overlook the more likely reality that these guys are just total slobs. They're powerful, progressive, slovenly people who don't really care how they look, and it shows in every discolored shirt and in every stomach-turning pair of transparent pants.

That being said, professors need to be at ease in their element if they are to give students a well-rounded perspective of the world. A crummy wardrobe can work wonders for nerves; what says "relaxed" better than an obsolete corduroy jacket or some 30-year-old, sweat-ringed dress shirt? As students, we should be more sensitive to this comfort level and stay committed to keeping an open mind when it comes to our teachers' egregious clothing missteps.

Either way, Abby and I will make the best of it. If see-through duds are what it takes to keep a teacher sharp then I guess it's going to help us as well.

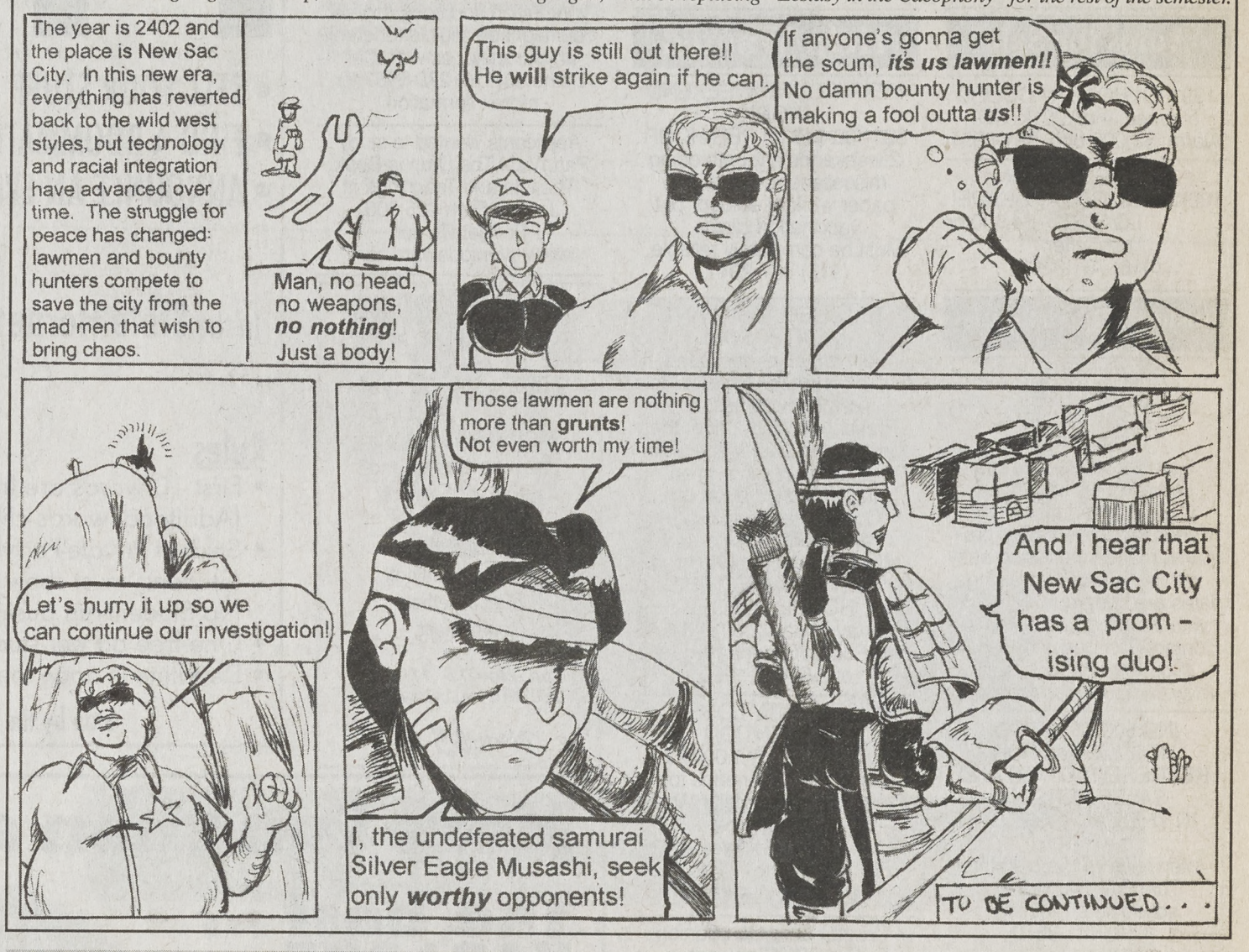
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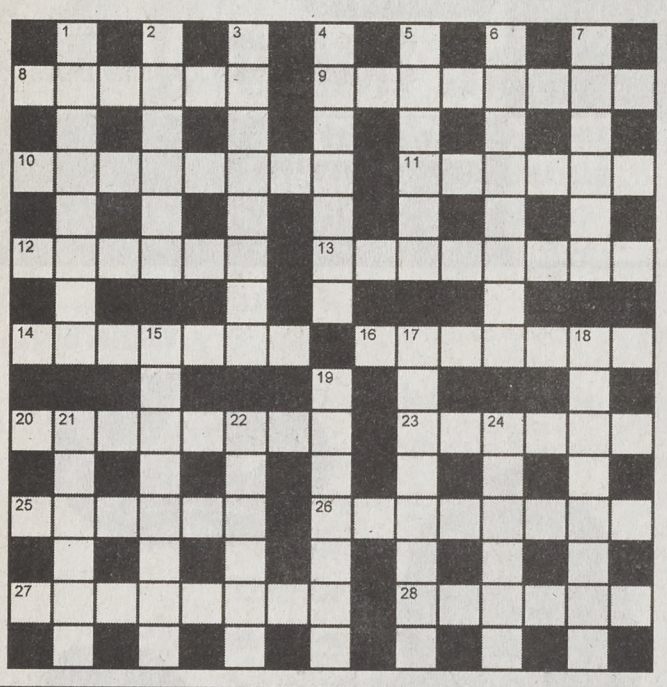
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

8. To flail about wildly
9. The Titanic could have been called an "___-_____" voyage
10. Al Capone was one; Snoop Dogg thinks he's one too
11. An herbal ointment used in treating bruises
12. Turn pale, as if in fear
13. To lighten up
14. What Sac State is designed to do for you
16. A convenient murder weapon?
20. An anagram of "wipe-down"
23. The "_____" of relativity or the "_____" of evolution
25. To suggest or counsel
26. Having a legally established claim of "_____" ownership
27. The "___-_____ " district in any town is usually a good place to catch a VD … if you ever feel so inclined
28. On the contrary

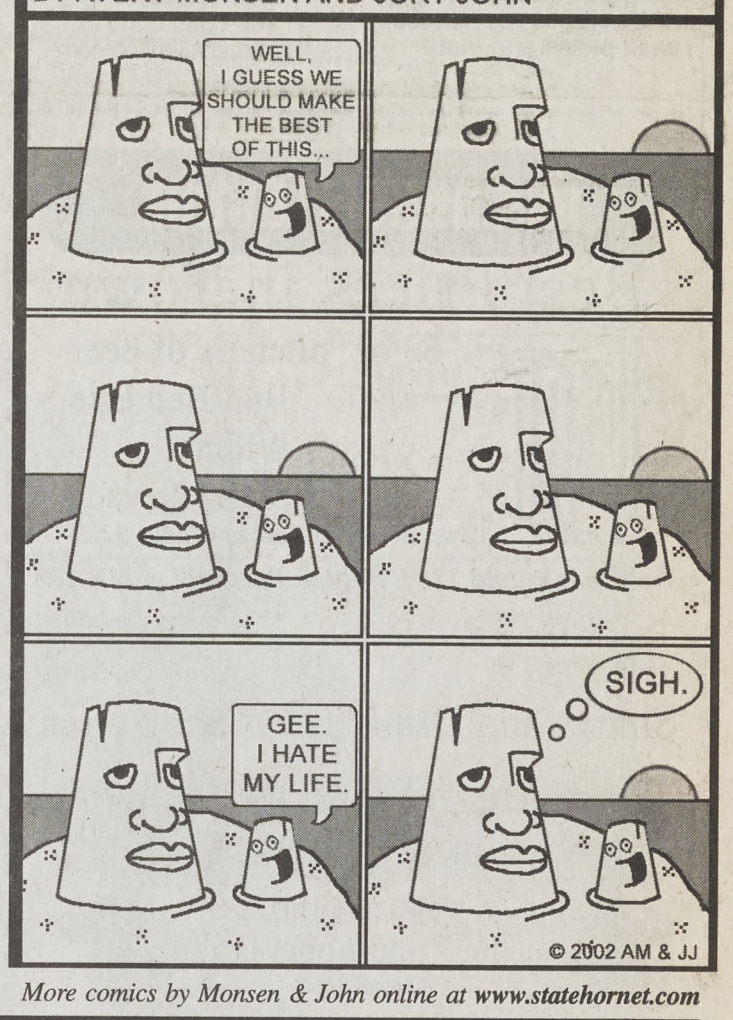
Down

1. The state of having been under the control of another person
2. A characteristic language of a particular group (as among thieves)
3. Too hot to handle, too cold to hold
4. The 50-cent version of the words "bug" or "germ"
5. A mixture of soluble salts found in arid soils and some bodies of water; a base
6. Someplace to sell your belongings for quick cash
7. Recovery or preservation from loss or danger
15. A soft tufted cord used in embroidery; sounds like the brand name "Chanel"
17. A collection of things sharing a common attribute
18. The name of a 1950s musical and what your luggage spins around on at the airport
19. To speak an "_____" is to speak a false statement
21. An word used to express surprise or skepticism or irony; think Sherlock Holmes and other dowdy British types
22. The "_____" of Allegiance or a lemon scented furniture polish
24. Another name for ghost, apparition or spirit

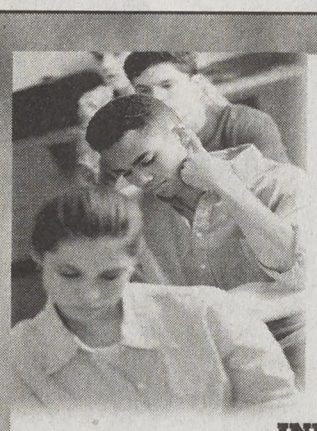
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